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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1385

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anna Berg

General Comment

I understand there is a proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).

I absolutely oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. In any case their priority is business.

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Submitter Information

Name: Erika Olson

General Comment

I cannot believe this is even being considered. Guns and firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations.

If anything we need MORE oversight and controls, not less!

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Submitter Information

Name: Julie Phalen

General Comment

Please do not increase access to weapons. The presence of more weapons leads to more violence, or makes suicides more prevalent. Gun ownership needs to be limited as a part of good public health.

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Submitter Information

Name: Alisa Norquist

General Comment

Please do not move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

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Submitter Information

Name: William Shields

General Comment

changing oversight is losing to Putin and his white house puppets

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Submitter Information

Name: Jeremy Spindler

General Comment

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1391

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dustin Weinberger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

If anything we need additional oversight and this change would drastically weaken oversight.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-3oh5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carolyn Lopez

General Comment

Exports of weapons must remain with the State Department. Munitions exports must also remain with the State Department. These items should not be treated the same as items that have non-violent domestic use.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-ox0s Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1393

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Submitter Information

Name: ronald brown

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1394

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jill Bremer

General Comment

Regulation of the sales of assault type guns should stay with the U.S. Dept. of State. These weapons are potential security threats to U.S. citizens and people in other countries. Many of our current Administration's policies and behaviors are antagonizing both our allies and enemies and many would be willing to inflict fear and death.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-ethq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike McCampbell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1396

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alice Englert

General Comment

Attention all,

I oppose the Rule Change that would switch the Regulation of Firearms Exports from the State Dept to the Commerce Department. I fear the proliferation of military style weapons through out the world. I believe that more guns in circulation make us less safe.

Please oppose this suggested change.

Sincerely,

Alice Englert

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Warrenton Va. 20186

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1397

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kate Cameron

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The USA has more guns per capita than any other country in the world. We are also the country that has more mass shooting than any other country in the world. Do not allow weapons to become a commodity and spread the USA's blatant disregard for human life to be spread around the world.

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jennifer Spykerman

General Comment

The move of handling export licenses from the state department to the commerce department does not even make sense. These remain dangerous weapons and need to be regulated by an agency who has the country's safety as its primary mission, vs. that of an agency that has business profits and the economy as its top priority. Do not move the export licenses of these dangerous weapons away from an agency focused on our country's safety as well as the relationship with allies and other countries.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1399

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Jacobs

General Comment

I write today to state my opposition to moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

Such change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and contributes to mass migration.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The State Department has shown itself to be well equipped to perform this strategically important function. Together with Congress, it is in a unique position to thus protect this great nation from harm to national security that can result from large batch firearms sales to foreign countries.

There is nothing broken that could possibly be fixed by the moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1400

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Medina

General Comment

We need more regulation of firearms, not less. Do not change the department in charge of regulation of deadly weapons.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms

exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist

organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1401

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Cunningham

General Comment

Removing weapon sales from the purview of the State Department leaves this country in danger. We cannot allow a basically unregulated sale of automatic weapons to anywhere in the world. It may make profit for a few arms dealers and the NRA but it damages the security of this nation by opening the doors and making it easier for criminals to buy and sell guns internationally and for terrorists to get their hands on these weapons to be used against us or other governments. This is literally "shooting ourselves in the foot". BE SMART Say NO to the NRA. We need the State Department to regulate and check when and where and how many weapons are moving and the STATE DEPT. may need more adequate funding than it already has for this. Protect this country for real and not with "patriotic words". Thank you.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1402

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cynthia Scherer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1403

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Ramar

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-tilc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1404

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Submitter Information

Name: Mike Sudalnik

General Comment

To allow the unbridled access to firearms by any country in the world without scrutiny by the State Department would be a measure that would open the floodgates of insurgencies and armed conflicts! This would undermine stability in the world and lead to complications in matters of OUR National Security! A totally FOOLISH REGULATION ! Oppose IT!

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-7knu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Submitter Information

Name: Judith Arnold

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1406

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1407

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: marianne ewing

General Comment

i object to the possibility that guns of all types be sold world wide.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1408

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pearl Holloway

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

In addition:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1409

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alicia Talerico

General Comment

I oppose the switch of regulating firearms from the U. S. State Department to the U. S. Commerce Department.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1410

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Raymond Valinoti, Jr.

General Comment

I received this disturbing message from MomsRising.org in my email. I agree with this organization about this:

"The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business)...] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

"HERES THE LOW DOWN: Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries...] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

"Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

"The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration."

PLEASE, for the sake of America and the rest of the world, OPPOSE this rule change!

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1411

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rita Garvey

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous.

They are being used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and random acts of violence.

They should be subject to more controls, not less!

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-968q Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1412

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Novenski

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the unbridled commercialization of weapons sales. Our national security must not be bypassed by weapons manufacturers and arms dealers intent on boosting their sales wherever they can find buyers. It is bad enough right now, but removing the last vestige of US Dept of State control means uncontrolled flows of military weapons to the highest bidder.

Profits are not the only factor to consider here. Our national security, and security of our citizens around the world, are at stake. Keep international traffic in arms under the control of the U.S. Department of State.

Sincerely,
Linda Novenski

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Gelfer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1414

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Carroll

General Comment

This is extremely unwise. Please block this legislation! We
Need more accountability for fire arms not less! We
Dont want to fund oppressive regimes abroad and the
President has continually praised dictators and taken their
Side: Duarte, Putin, Kim jung Un. Please do not unleash
3D printed guns on the world! Please. Its just not worth it
For the sake of more gun sales.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1415

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Submitter Information

Name: Rima Rosenthal

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Hondrogen

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-ckj7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1417

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurel Facey

General Comment

The State Department needs to continue to control the sale of arms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-rzrt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1418

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kari Pohl

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Don't do it!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-kxds Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1419

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-x6wv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1420

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dorrine Marshall

General Comment

oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-hgkl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1421

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: q q

General Comment

close the loopholes, make background checks obligatory, ban bump stocks, make our schools safe

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-90ou Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1422

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elisabeth Ellenbogen

General Comment

We have rational rules and laws WHO may operate a motor vehicle. There is compelling reason to tighten rules on firearms:

How to purchase, sell, transport lethal weapons is at present not sufficient to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, also

children and adolescents. I may not drive a car because there are valid limits on visual acuity. There is nothing in the law

that requires competency to purchase, own, and carry firearms.

Also we have many regulations or laws governing actions people may take. WHY ARE WEAPONS NOT INCLUDED?

We react to tragedy and crime and then do nothing! Please formulate and pass into law tighter rules who may transport, sell,

store or carry fire arms! Thank you

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-w9sc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1423

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Miller

General Comment

STOP SPREADING WEAPONS AROUND the WORLD!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Tracking No. 1k2-9430-ppx1
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1424

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robin Greeley

General Comment

To the DOS:

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-b7il Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1425

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Stonaha

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department is not equips to handle large sales of arms. The State Department is better able to properly control the sale of arms, especially to bad actors.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-u79g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1426

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda McNair

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change would make it far, far easier for weapons traffickers, terrorists, organized crime syndicates, human rights abusers, and others to get their hands on large amounts of firearms, without oversight or the ability to inspect or stop those shipments by Congress. This regulation change amounts to exporting American levels of gun violence to any country in the world, for any reason. Is there nothing this administration wont sell to the highest bidder, including our own national security? Guns are weapons of war, and they should remain the responsibility of the State Department. Otherwise, with the number of enemies were making throughout the world now, those weapons may mostly end up pointed squarely at us.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-7xh1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1427

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Orwicz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-rdyb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1428

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gwen Klemm

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-hggd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1429

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Nodell

General Comment

I oppose a rule change that would switch regulations of firearms exports from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-5nht Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1430

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard Schoenberger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

How about we don't export out extreme gun violence problem to the rest of the world?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-wnuq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1431

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Leslie Silverfine

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-mc4l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1432

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jane Bray

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce .

We need more Peace through caring about one another..not killing one another.

Jane Bray

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-7dc2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1433

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Do not make this rule change to export weapons to kill more people. If other governments want weapons they can already purchase through existing channels

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-3itc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1434

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tom Emmott

General Comment

The NRA will stop at nothing to increase gun sales and further their morbid perception of the 2nd Amendment. This is pure insanity and our government seems to be willing to take the bait and fall into their web of deception. WHY! Hasn't their been enough violence? Haven't their been enough innocent lives lost, including those of children? We're not living in the 1700's where people had their muscats leaning against the wall next to their front door. The interpretation of the 2nd Amendment has been misconstrued to benefit the NRA and gun owners in this country, and now they want it to include other countries. PLEASE! Don't allow this to happen! Don't fall into their web of lies and deceit!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-8vvc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1435

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Herath

General Comment

I vigorously oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns are a threat to everyone. NO ONE needs a semi-automatic assault - NO ONE. The NRS is a biased, confrontational, 'nut-job' group which is not supported by the majority of Americans nor those outside the USA.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-4mkh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1436

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Mori

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-d05f Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1437

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Madelyn Ferguson

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change of switching the regulations on firearms exporting from from the state Department to the Commerce Department. If this change takes place, Congress would no longer be informed of or be able to block large sales of firearms to foreign countries. I feel this would be a threat to our national security. By putting guns in the hands of terrorists, organized crime, and extremist regimes. Sales of firearms being exported to foreign countries need Congressional oversight. Also the Commerce Department does not have the resources to police these sales, therefore endangering all of us.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9430-qvcp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1438

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Kaminsky

General Comment

Control of firearms exports should be in the hands of the US State Dept, NOT the Commerce Dept. The State Dept has the expertise and means to assess security concerns relating to firearms; transferring authority to the Commerce Dept. allows the primary stakeholders -- major gun manufacturers, including companies like Smith and Wesson not even headquartered in the US (!) -- to control export w/o regard for security issues.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-vxsa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1439

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Von Feldt

General Comment

It's bad enough that we've allowed the NRA to destroy the US. We shouldn't allow them to do that to other countries.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-eycy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1440

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Trina Sargalski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

I am also concerned that with the Dept. of Commerce regulating international gun sales that this would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, allowing people like Cody Wilson of Defense Distributed to post online instructions for how to 3D print weapons.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-7kq2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1441

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Teresa Batto

General Comment

Gun sales in the U.S. have caused many problems; i.e., increased suicides, mass shootings, domestic violence, etc. Don't allow the rest of the world to suffer our problems, especially with assault weapons. Stop the violence!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-17gg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1442

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Scott Holmes

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

[4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[5] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[6] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-fjes Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1443

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Shepherd

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1444

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sari Schimek

General Comment

"There has never been gun violence in the absence of a gun." - Sari Schimek

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-hbqr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1445

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Shepherd

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1446

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Howard Winant

General Comment

I am opposed to the ideas that the Commerce Department, rather than the State Department, should control US arms export policy.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-4p76 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1447

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lowell Halpern

General Comment

I OPPOSE the new proposed rule change!!!!!!
Enough is enough!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-xa qx Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1448

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

It is past time for this country to STOP bowing down to the GREED AND AVARICE of the gun manufacturers

No more rule changes that can make buying guns even easier

NO MORE GUN PROFITS

NO MORE GUN MANUFACTURER GREED

NO MORE GUNS

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-28s1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1449

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: MaryAnn Linehan

General Comment

Please be mindful of the intent behind our Second Amendment - do not switch oversight from our State Department to Commerce Department. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-87i9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1450

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Regina Blaber

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1451

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gretchen Schiltz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1452

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: JOHN GLEBS

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

How the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-bpfq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1453

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Coleman

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I can't think of anything more insane than to remove more regulations from gun sales. To provide other countries with weapons that could increase the kind of mass shootings that we have in this country is IMMORAL.
Please do not allow this . We need to provide a safer world, not a more dangerous world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-yyy4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1454

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1455

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paige May

Organization: 570

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-kd98 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1456

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Trish Weisman

General Comment

I oppose moving responsibility for international arms traffic to the Commerce Department. This is a threat to peace and safety.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1457

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Fran Mason

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I oppose any and all legislation that EXPANDS the availability of firearms. It is time to formulate solutions that do not use guns and violence as the go-to solution.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
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Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1458

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robin Wernicke

General Comment

I am against a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1459

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Evans

General Comment

This is a national security issue. I oppose this change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-m3qs Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1460

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Thompson

General Comment

I am opposed to the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking by international terrorists and gangs.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-lm0r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1461

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hannah Stanton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-yvxt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1462

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn Koelemay, MD

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Furthermore, it would

- eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program
- remove licensing requirements for brokers
- remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

Bottom line...this rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1463

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Timothy O'Dell

General Comment

DEATH NEVER TAKES A HOLIDAY. THE MERCHANTS OF DEATH, LOOKS LIKE, DON'T EITHER. I'VE HAD ENOUGH; HAVEN'T YOU, SIR?

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-yljs Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1464

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-uzjy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1465

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kenneshea Allums

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1466

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

See attached file(s)

Attachments

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I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Congress must not be prevented from being automatically informed about sizable weapons sales. Congress must be able to stop sizable weapons sales in the name of national security, even and especially to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Depriving Congress of this ability to monitor these sales is a terrible, dangerous idea. It would open the door to firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Allowing this country to do such an unconscionable thing is not only unamerican, it would directly contribute to making the world a more dangerous place as well as inviting security breaches here at home.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1467

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hannah Stanton

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1468

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Porter

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please do not change the rules. Thank you for your consideration

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1469

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

We need to be able to control the sale of "military type" guns. Commerce is ot the correct way. They are only looking at the trade figures and not security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1470

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michele Emmett

General Comment

Changing the rules concerning guns from State Dept to Commerce Dept seems to be misguided. The stated reason is cost savings but I am concerned about oversight. Categorizing guns as military makes sense. We have too many guns getting into the hands of bad actors as it is. Keep guns under the auspices of the State Dept.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-rrmf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1471

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Afshin Sadeghi

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1472

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donald Di Russo

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulating of firearms export from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept. We must focus on the use & effect of these firearms sales rather than just "all the money that can be made. Whooppee!!!"

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-upez Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1473

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steve Rockhold

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-bsgk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1474

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: obie hunt

General Comment

How many deaths have to happen before something is done? Pass some sensible gun laws!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-117v Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1475

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Shannon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It serves no other purpose than to increase the number of killing machines throughout the world so the people who make them can profit from the carnage they create.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1476

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Schauer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-lq61 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1477

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Evan Gull

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-4v40 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1478

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Helen Stuehler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-xe6m Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1479

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peggy Kocoras

General Comment

I am writing in opposition to the rule that would move the regulation of firearms export from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. This change would result in increased weapons both domestically and globally, which would benefit no one except the gun manufacturers, oppressive regimes, terrorists, and criminals. It would eliminate safeguards that are absolutely necessary for having some control over terrorism and oppression. The Trump Administration claims that it wants to eliminate terrorism, but I believe that this change would aid in the opposite result: terrorism in the US and around the world would increase while only terrorists, oppressive regimes, criminals, and gun manufacturers would profit. This is not the direction I would like to see the US, or the world, go.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1480

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: edmond lacroix

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1481

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Sanchez

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We cannot make it any easier for violent individuals to acquire guns, be it in the US or abroad. Thank you so much for your attention to this extremely serious matter.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1482

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Slager

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1483

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maureen Sheahan

General Comment

I am writing to vehemently protest changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. And, the Commerce Department and its Bureau of Industry and Security just do not have the resources or reach to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, as well as:

1. Eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. Remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
3. Remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Making this change would be immoral and dangerous. Please don't let it happen!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1484

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Horowitz

General Comment

The NRA is pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

This is an extremely dangerous path to take. It is not the job of the US government to help the NRA and weapons manufacturers enrich themselves. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1485

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annie Chang

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1486

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Benoit

General Comment

Changing the laws to minimize the regulation of gun sales around the world is morally wrong. Many countries have very strict laws regarding the ownership of firearms by their citizens. Our gun manufacturers and the NRA will benefit exponentially by selling even more firearms to groups and individuals who want to topple governments, suppress voting rights, and the rights of citizens.

The USA has over 38,000 gun related deaths every year. That number represents the easy flow of firearms to criminals and suicides of too many individuals.

As a teacher, I worked with students to settle conflicts through discussions and active listening. Firearms change those dynamics into an I win, you lose mentality.

We owe it to the 68% of our citizens who do not own guns to say, We hear you and you, as well as, other inhabitants of our world need to be safe from gun violence.

Our legislators have a duty to protect everyone in this country through laws that are not bought and paid for by lobbyists and secret money. They need to be written to reflect the safety and concerns of the majority of our population.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1487

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Reed

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-nqzd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1488

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brandon Burrell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Here are my reasons why:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-quud Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1489

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: stewart wilber

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. This rule change would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). I am opposed. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1490

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brian Dalton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-7wp2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1491

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steve Ditore

General Comment

International weapons sales are currently handled by the right federal agency, one that takes true national security into account in their decisions. The business class HATES the very idea that governments and government agencies have the power to limit or prohibit any of their narrowly-defined profit-seeking obsessions for any reason, even good or even inarguable ones. Weapons are not just another commodity; they are intended for one purpose only: destruction of human life. This can be allowed, definitely not encouraged, unless there are good reasons for deadly armaments. But the Commerce Dept. cares about none of that. It's just money for them, and they want as much as they can get, by whatever means they can arrange, and somehow they think the chickens will never come home to roost. This has to be handled by an agency with a broader and wiser approach. That's State, not Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-l13g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1492

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose the rule change for regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Department of Commerce

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1493

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dawn Foster

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Specifically because it would:

1. eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and makes these reports publicly available;
2. remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking; and
3. remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

All of the above controls are necessary to keep the World safer. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-nbzh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1494

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alyce Callison

General Comment

I'm a citizen concerned about this proposed rule change. I believe it would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with huge implications for our national security. I am opposed to the fact that this rule change would consider semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, which makes no sense, as military use is their primary function by design, and that it would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals, which would limit Congress's ability to comment on related human rights concerns, and remove Congress's proper role. As a taxpayer, it also offends me that this proposed rule change shifts the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Even at present, the Commerce Department doesn't have the resources to enforce export controls. Please prevent this rule change, which would inevitably lead to increased terrorism and violence globally.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1495

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Grames

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This rule change is a clear danger to our national security and should not be implemented.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1496

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Charest

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1497

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I suspect you already know this is a bullshit move, and bad move, not in the public interest - the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Tthe rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1498

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dorothy Anderson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. It would be dangerous to allow the US Dept of Commerce to regulate fire arms export. Fire arms are classified as military and should be under the control of the State Dept. As of now Congress can block large sales of firearms to foreign countries. We need to keep State Dept's Blue Lantern program in place since 1940. It would be dangerous to allow 3D printing of firearms which State Dept. now blocks.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1499

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allen Chazin

General Comment

Ordinary citizens should be paid as soldiers with the already heavy concentration of weapons to humans!!!! Do Americans really need this barrage of guns!!!! The Dept. of Commerce will only see infringements to business; why not let the U.S. Chamber of Commerce regulate gun flows from abroad. It amounts to same thing.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1500

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1501

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Gentile

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1502

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1503

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cathi Rodgers

General Comment

This is a comment of opposition to this rule. Any law that has a net reduction in regulatory burden on guns sales is wrong and dangerous. The NRA supports this for no other reason than more profits for gun manufactures, also know as their base. This rule would make it easier for people of other countries to access weapons of war. We need to stop this.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1504

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Janelle Shubert

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and PUBLICALLY reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1505

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: J S

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch regulation of firearms exports from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. For multiple reasons, this change would make it much easier for violent actors worldwide, including criminal and terrorist organizations and repressive regimes, to obtain large quantities of American arms and ammunition and potentially to use US 3D printing technology to make weapons.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1506

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Emma Bradshaw

General Comment

Keep international traffic in arms regulations in the U.S. State Department. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1507

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cori Bishop

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1508

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Matt Peters

General Comment

I oppose this regulation change. We need to make sure firearms are not exported to oppressive regimes and maintain safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1509

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary B

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

If we want to lessen the number of people applying for refugee status, we should be working to make their countries safer, not flooding them with more weapons of war. We should be working to make other countries safer and more stable, not creating more violence and instability by selling them more firearms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1510

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: TATYANA WHITE

General Comment

Firearms exports are military and should not be classified as commercial. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Making this change endangers every single person living in this country. I strongly oppose this change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1511

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: julia bottom

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-86vt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1512

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurel Gress

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to the National Rifle Association's efforts to move the handling of export licenses from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department, making it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to sell weaponry to other countries.

The last thing other countries need is for their nations to become lawless, dangerous, gun-happy places for the citizens to live, much like this country has become. The NRA should be labeled a terrorist organization and should be outlawed and shut down. It has become almost as dangerous as the Taliban and Al-Qaida in the Middle East!

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-idwx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1513

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gloria Doan

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. I oppose this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-mka3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1514

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-5m2r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1515

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-stdw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1516

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martha M. Wilson

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce department for the following reasons.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-i191 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1517

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Gardner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-34fx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1518

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rochelle La Frinere

General Comment

This regulation of firearms export must remain with the State department, not Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-sjdr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1519

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martha Baird

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-v0am Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1520

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Greenberg

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch regulation of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9431-k37z Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1521

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maryann Mueller

General Comment

I strongly urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war. Please do what is for the safety of the common good. Thank you

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-9hea Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1522

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

For our national and global security, please keep firearm trade regulations within the State Department's jurisdiction. Leaving this matter in the hands of the Commerce Department would only increase the likelihood of weapons falling into the wrong hands.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-k5f0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1523

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: brian mcdermott

General Comment

Please do NOT move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. If allowed to be exported these weapons can be used against the US and other friendly governments by terrorist and the mentally deranged.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-9csr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1524

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike M

General Comment

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.

[2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.

[3] Ibid., The Boston Globe

[4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[5] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[6] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-rwf6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1525

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jen Kropinak

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-2cq1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1526

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donna Soodalter-Toman

General Comment

I totally oppose moving the control of selling weapons to foreign countries from the Department of State to the Commerce Department!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-mhfz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1527

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Hershkowitz

General Comment

I oppose this change. The State Dept, which protects US interests around the world, should continue to oversee weapons sales to other countries.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-sdt6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1528

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allison Walters

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1529

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Grant Power

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-7kix Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1530

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John McAllister

General Comment

I am for the regulation of international firearms to remain with the State Department to better insure the unsafe spread of firearms internationally.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-s7kj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1531

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Rosenbaum

General Comment

I strongly efforts to shift the responsibility for the oversight of the export assault rifles and other guns from the State Departments to the Commerce Department as that will result in the relaxation of rules making it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war. This action would result in the "export" also of our plague of gun violence that exists in our country today! Guns and other deadly weapons are already managing to get our of the US illegally through the lack of background checks at gun shows. We should not make it Legal to sell weapons overseas just to keep sales up for gun manufacturers!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-wael Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1532

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

We need laws that make sure that guns are only in the hands of responsible gun owners. This law does not meet that requirement.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-yyab Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1533

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Ames

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1534

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Klausing

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-taea Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1535

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-45ui Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1536

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Emily Munro

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-q9fe Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1537

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Crowden

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-kwek Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1538

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: ARTHUR GOLDFARB

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Exported American arms and ammunition could potentially find their way as the instruments of death to American soldiers, allies, or even tourists. Thus, rules for such exports should never be based on goals of commerce, i.e. Department of Commerce. Exports of firearms must remain under the jurisdiction of State.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ou6c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1539

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Davis

General Comment

I could NOT be more opposed to this absolutely crazy idea. Are you guys nuts? There are too many guns now. Guns don't make you safe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-mcpu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1540

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shari Draayer

General Comment

I am writing to you to formally oppose this dangerous rule change switching the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous; they are intended to be deadly. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. In a sane and just world they would be subject to more controls, not less! Forget making America great again; could we make it sane and just first?!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-plp3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1541

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Cobb

Organization: SEIU

General Comment

I'm opposed to the rule changes for the International Traffic in Arms Regulations because it would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-3vz0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1542

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Meisler

General Comment

I oppose switching regulation of sales of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Do not make this proposed change!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-2h5d Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1543

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sybil Schlesinger

General Comment

Please do not enact this rule change. This proposed rule change eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

There are enough weapons in the world now. We do not need to enrich gun manufacturers at the expense of all the rest of humanity. Do not change this rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-rotz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1544

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rev. John Fernandes

General Comment

We do not need more guns around the world. Some of the anticipated customers are not friendly toward the United States.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-m5bh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1545

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judithe Norman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U. S.State Department to the

U.S. Commerce Department. This is another example of the power the NRA has over our elected officials whose job

is to keep our country safe not to pander to the NRA. Do your job!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-pfyx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1546

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amanda OConnor

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-5e9b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1547

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Fardig

General Comment

I am a retired nurse-midwife, very concerned about the public health impacts in the U.S. and globally of too many guns in the hands of dangerous people. Let's not export our lethal problem to other countries.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migrations.

Keep the regulation in the State Department with stronger safeguards and a history of trained personnel to enforce them.

The N.R.A. is becoming a toxic brand so they are looking to develop a new money stream for U.S. guns and ammunition manufacturers. Do not be cowed by their pressure.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-y5oo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1548

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheila Brooks

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-fist Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1549

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Curtin

General Comment

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-4w58 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1550

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary McLees-Lane

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not fewer!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-8k03 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1551

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Mundorf

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-tf03 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1552

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Tobias

Organization: Philip Tobias Enterprises (and various clients or other companies)

General Comment

Please reject the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms have caused the deaths of several people I knew, in several different incidents. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Switching regulation of gun exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, such as our country is currently experiencing on our southern border.

To protect human safety and societal stability, please reject this rule change.

Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ygyy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1553

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Al Mendelsohn

General Comment

The weapons rule change could make the world more dangerous.

For starters, it would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

Don't do it!

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of illegal trafficking.

Don't do it!

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

Don't do it!

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon.

The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Don't do it!

We are watching.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-4t0b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1554

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John McArthur

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-dqag Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1555

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Allen

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. In this age of international terrorism, it is crucial that we have stringent oversight of arms sales to overseas (as well as domestic) entities. The mission of the Department of Commerce is commerce, not safety or security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ivh0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1556

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Belinda Lang

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule that would take the handling of export licenses for semiautomatic assault weapons from the State Department and give it to the Commerce Department. The State Department protects our country while the Commerce Department promotes businesses. People's safety and well-being should be placed before profits.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-o9nx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1557

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Boroshok

General Comment

Why can't we promote PEACE rather than more opportunity for violence!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9432-d722
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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1558

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Aaron Ucko

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-hufi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1559

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Ayres

General Comment

I would certainly be opposed to this change. Any exporting of guns should remain under the oversight of the State Dept.

I think just as a national security we would want that. Once they are not watching anymore, who knows how many guns would exit this country and where would they be going to?

We might easily be responsible for killing our own, fighting rebels and terrorist that would be able to exploit this change.

This is just less regulation on a gun problem we already have and should not be changed.

Just say no.

thank you

Peter Ayres

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1560

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lynn Mignola

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. A rule change like this would increase the likelihood of large weapons caches getting into the hands of violent and dangerous agents and decrease safeguards for American Citizens. Arms sales are not about commerce and should not be treated as such.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1561

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Fred Licht

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-jwvf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1562

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jo Ann McGreevy

General Comment

This is simply so undeniably WRONG and DANGEROUS! Why does the United States have far, far more deaths from guns than virtually all other countries combined? We must NOT allow the gun industry to "control" us!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-8drg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1563

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Roger Chambers

General Comment

For the following reasons, this rule would make the world a far more dangerous place.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1564

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Larson

General Comment

The sale of guns effects our national security. These sales can go to terrorists around the world. The ability to sell weapons should remain with the state department that is much better equipped to vet where and to who they go to

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-2g35 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1565

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Davis

General Comment

Changing gun regulation:

Relaxing the gun rules to make it easier to export and obtain guns is crazy. We need tighter gun regulation to make it harder for the crooks of this country to obtain one. Just look at the deaths guns in this country are causing...no brainer.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ar2j Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1566

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pauline Alama

General Comment

I oppose this rule change, which would transfer the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I don't want my country to be the arms dealer to the world. What the world needs now is not more guns. More guns going around the world, possibly getting in the hands of terrorists, do not make our country or our world safer.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-3xmr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1567

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tracy Artley

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-mvmd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1568

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bryan Dunphy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department for the following reasons:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9432-q180
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1569

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Evelyn Hutt

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the proposed rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-v6a0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1570

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn McKinney

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-sg0o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1571

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joan Farber

General Comment

I am writing because I am opposed to the proposed change in regulation concerning the export of firearms which would seriously increase the dangers to this country . These are my concerns:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

I hope you will take these issues into consideration and not make changes which can so dangerously impact national security.

Yours truly,
Joan C. Farber, Ph.D.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-p98q Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1572

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LORI BUNTON

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. This new regulation is wrong and dangerous not only for U.S. national security but for global security as we know that the greed of firearm manufacturers will surely trump their aversion to selling arms to dangerous countries.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-wnyo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1573

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-17th Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1574

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gania Barlow

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-b7nh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1575

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard Boyce

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-v6n7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1576

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-hahs Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1577

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jane Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-cihb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1578

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ashley Koger

General Comment

We need to regulate weapons that could threaten the safety of our country and others. Allowing the US to sell guns to any foreign country, regardless of stability and human-rights track record, is reckless and short-sighted.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-jt6w Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1579

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sylvia Hopkins

General Comment

If the NRA is permitted to take themselves out of the arena of the USDS, it will become the purveyor of death worldwide. The US already is exerting a terrible pressure on human life with the pressure of its military in so very many countries. The NRA sales would further undermine the sovereignty and health of these nations.

Please make me proud again, to be a citizen (my ancestors were early immigrants to this new world) of the USA. Do not let the NRA have its way in this.

My great grandfather, an immigrant from Nauborn, Prussia, was conscripted into the Union Army of the Civil War. He died of disease in that war, leaving his immigrant wife a widow and his four small children fatherless. He had come to this country to find food, escape militarism and killing.

There is no reason to allow the NRA to place weaponsso easily into the hands of human beings in other countries where people long for a good life. It would be the exporting of a culture of death that we have allowed to grow here. This culture shocks me daily.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Hopkins

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-3ffv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1580

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Murphy

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would make it easier for the export of firearms to oppressive regimes; it would remove safeguards that help keep organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons; it would increase the kind of violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration, which is already occurring at alarming rates due to wars, and criminal gang activity.

The rule change would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. This would be devastating to civilian populations.

The rule change would remove: (1) the licensing requirements for brokers, expanding the risk of trafficking; (2) the blocking ability of the State Department on the 3D printing of firearms. Without this capability, the State Department would lose an important tool for charging individuals, who use 3D printers to print firearms, with violating arms export laws. The rule switch would remove this block, and expose civilians everywhere to an exponentially larger risk of dying from the expanded use of these lethal weapons.

Please do NOT make this rule change, which will endanger innocent people's lives worldwide.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-9hkb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1581

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Douglas Godfrey

General Comment

I oppose this or any other rule change that would transfer authority to grant licenses for the export of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms in international trade are used as weapons of war. Neither the US State Department, nor the US Commerce Department should not be in the business of promoting War.

The United States should not be exporting our problems with automatic and semi-automatic weapons to the rest of the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-oeax Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1582

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Anonymous

General Comment

As a concerned American and member of the world's human race, I urge you to do whatever is necessary to keep control of the international sale of American firearms. To move it to the Commerce Department flips the focus from safety and peace to making money, and we all know that with money as a motivator, it's much easier for deals to be made that may not be in our country's best interests.

Thank you for standing up for humanity rather than for money-making.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-zgmg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1583

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kelly Orringer MD

General Comment

I am writing to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this plan.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Submit comments now to the State Department and the Commerce Department opposing the rule change.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.

[2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.

[3] Ibid., The Boston Globe

[4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[5] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[6] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-1pli Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1584

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Winkler

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-uc9y Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1585

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lyn Bober

General Comment

I am very concerned about this issue. I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The safety of our country AND the world depends upon keeping these regulations under your governance. Thank you for your consideration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-4urk Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1586

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Faust

General Comment

There is no reason to allow any change in the sale and export of weapons . To do so would open the door to more violence and death in this world and even less regulation of semiautomatic weapons. Don't let the NRA get away with this dangerous change in it's business.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-ym24 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1587

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Siems

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-edt1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1588

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Clark

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-vn84 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1589

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Posner

General Comment

To Whom It Concerns:

I oppose this rule switching the responsibility for regulatory oversight of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Diplomacy not weapons should be our chief export.

Imagine if that were so: if we retained credibility to solve through diplomacy conflicts around the world. Not only have we been ceding that ground, but now will we increase our presence through even more weaponry? Is my beloved country becoming an evil empire? Please, please, please do not allow this change!

Patriotically yours,

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-l0kj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1590

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Timothy Bailey

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from U.S. Department of State to U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-tw8g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1591

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Victoria DeSarno

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch control of weapons from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-zfi7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1592

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: CYNTHIA DZENDZEL

General Comment

Please do not allow the transfer of firearms regulation from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Firearms sales to foreign countries should be tightly regulated to avoid the proliferation of dangerous weapons to countries and individuals that may use them against us or other innocents. Please prevent the export of American violence.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1593

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Kudless

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switchgun regulations from the state sept. To the commerce department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-sgec Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1594

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: christine maciel

General Comment

No, do not switch the regulation of firearm exports from the STATE DEPARTMENT. This is too important to be considered merely 'commerce', it involves who gets guns and what they are to be used for. We must support diplomacy over wars!!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1595

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Heid

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

--It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

--It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.\

--It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-yn1d Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1596

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stanley Thompson

General Comment

I am opposed this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organised crime and terrorist organisations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilises countries and causes mass migration.

How else would the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place?

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please block this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-itsn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1597

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Therese Wilson

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic weapons and other weapons from the U.S.State Department to the Commerce Department.

This rule change would seriously undercut or even eliminate congressional oversight of weapons sales or shipments.

This is totally unacceptable!

The ability of our representatives to stop the sale of large numbers of dangerous weapons to countries who are known abusers of human rights is an absolute necessity!

This rule change would TRULY endanger our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-pbdu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1598

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judy Kameon

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-icfi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1599

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jill Berkowitz-Berliner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9432-fi6u Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1600

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: E. Luckring

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I believe firearms exports should stay under the regulation of the State Department and that Congress should have the power to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it might see reason to stop in the name of national security, or to prohibit sales to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Moreover, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This proposed change would make our country less safe by fueling terrorism and organized crime around the world.

Please keep firearms exports under the regulation of the State Department.

Thank You,

Eve Luckring
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Los Angeles, CA 90065

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1601

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shea Najafi

General Comment

I oppose

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1602

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rosalie Riegle

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1603

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: beth Fischer

General Comment

I STRONGLY oppose the rule change on firearms!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1604

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laurie Toner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We need the the U.S. State Department to make the determination. Not weapons salesman making such a determination. Would you buy a home security system from a non-vetted burglar???

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1605

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: alena jorgensen

General Comment

Are you all nuts? You want to make it easier for our enemies to buy Guns? You really are on a mission to decrease the surplus population. Not just here in the US, but all over the world. KARMA!!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1606

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marge Schwartz

General Comment

The Commerce Dept. should not be in control of gun sales especially to foreign countries. Guns should remain in the jurisdiction of the State Dept.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-1ve9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1607

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: karyn barry

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulation of firearm exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department!

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

We need FEWER guns in the world, not MORE!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-8zm7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1608

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Forbes

General Comment

The words below, taken from Defense News dot com, echo my own views on this matter. Please take these words under consideration.

There are five key dangers of shifting oversight of firearms exports to the Commerce Department.

First, there is an increased risk of exports to unauthorized end users and conflict zones. Under the Commerce Department system, companies can generally use several broad license exemptions to export military equipment without U.S. government approval. When the U.S. government shifts oversight of firearms exports to companies, it loses the ability to identify key warning signs, including risky middlemen, unusual routes and mismatched weapons systems, of a possible diversion of U.S. guns to terrorists, criminals or conflict zones. Without U.S. oversight, the government also couldnt stop the sale of firearms to foreign security force units accused of serious human rights violations or corruption.

Second, a shift to the Commerce Department could compromise the United States ability to investigate and prosecute arms smugglers. The Trump administrations proposal would likely eliminate the current requirement that individuals receive government approval before attempting to broker a deal to non-NATO countries for firearms controlled by the Commerce Department. The proposal might also remove the requirement that companies first register with the U.S. government before engaging in arms exports, which U.S. law enforcement has used to build investigations against illegal arms traffickers. Furthermore, the proposal could create greater legal ambiguity about restrictions on firearms exports and, thus, impede U.S. law enforcements efforts to prosecute cases of illegal arms trafficking. Indeed, if an arms exporter can show that a reasonable person would be confused by U.S. regulations, the illegal exporter could escape prosecution.

Third, the proposal risks losing key legal restrictions on dangerous arms transfers. Commerce Department regulations, unlike the State Departments, are not tied to all federal laws that regulate security assistance, including the commercial export of defense articles to foreign governments that support terrorism, violate internationally recognized human rights norms or interfere with humanitarian operations as well as country-specific controls imposed on nations of concern, such as China. A shift to

the Commerce Department would likely complicate, if not end, State Department reviews of a recipient's human rights violations, as the State Department bureau in charge of human rights may face greater difficulties in pressing for restraint on risky firearms exports. Such a shift would thereby dilute the State Departments ability to prevent high-risk transfers.

Fourth, the Trump proposal risks eroding global norms on firearms exports. Over the past two decades, through bilateral and multilateral agreements, the United States has successfully encouraged governments around the world to adopt better laws and policies to stop irresponsible and illegal arms transfers. Many of these agreements note the need to review export licenses on a case-by-case basis, highlight the importance of brokering registration and licensing and contain other key controls. If the United States decides to reduce or remove some of these controls, many other countries may choose to do so as well, particularly if it allows them to better compete with the United States.

Finally, a shift would likely result in less transparency in arms sales. The proposal could eliminate both Congresss and the publics view of U.S. firearms sales authorizations and deliveries around the world because the Commerce Departments annual reports cover only about 20 countries. Furthermore, there are no public end-use reports on arms exports authorized by the Commerce Department such as those for exports authorized by the State Department. The reports are useful to identify key trafficking patterns that can help avoid risky arms transfers.

Sincerely,

David Forbes

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1609

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Denise Pettit

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1610

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Hughes

General Comment

Changing this regulation would make it easier for terrorists and oppressive regimes to get firearms. This will lead to more killings and fear around the world with the result of more people fleeing their country. Why do we need to arm the entire world? It just benefits the gun makers and the NRA!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1611

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Anderton

General Comment

As a defense industry supporter, I support the movement of Category III small arms ammunition regulation from the State Department to the Commerce Department Control List of the Bureau of Industry and Security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-qzls Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1612

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Melloh

Organization: maine psr

General Comment

Please act responsibly. Protect innocent children and others from ruthless slaughter with weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ogcf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1613

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am very much opposed to a rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking the changes in this rule seriously and considering the safety of the citizens and not the profits of the firearms industry.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-jo4x Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1614

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeffrey Kleiner

General Comment

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to protest the proposed transfer of gun sales and supervision of the overseas sales of guns from the State Department to the Commerce Department. With the amount of gun violence piling up in the USA, the last thing necessary is more liberal treatment of gun sales. Gun manufacturers and sales considerations should remain under the control of congress with State department oversight.

J B Kleiner, MD

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1615

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: JANICE MOLAND

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking [6]
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

I oppose this change. Thank you for taking action to help make our families, loved ones, our country and our world a safer place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1616

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gerritt and Elizabeth Baker-Smith

General Comment

We have learned that the NRA and gun manufacturers are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

We oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place for these reasons, among others:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

All of which leads us to urge that this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department be OPPOSED!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1617

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alice Feldman

General Comment

I OPPOSE SWITCHING FIREARMS REGULATIONS TO US COMMERCE DEPARTMENT!

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the glob

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1618

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Anonymous

General Comment

Don't transfer authority for reviewing export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms to the Commerce Department. Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1619

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Hamby

General Comment

Greetings, I am opposed to having the Commerce Department oversee Gun Exports from the United States. This mistaken proposal by the Gun Lobby could put more guns in the hands of terrorists. The State Department needs to remain in charge of Gun Exports to make sure weapons do not end up in the wrong hands and places.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1620

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christine Fidance

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1621

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Horejsi

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-4yzl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1622

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Chismar

General Comment

A rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business) would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. This is NOT acceptable.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1623

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Denise Lytle

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1624

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomasin Willard

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Please leave these regulations under the authority of the State Department - the proposed change benefits the NRA and arms profiteers, and no one else.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1625

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ursula Cohrs

General Comment

I m writing because I am against moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department which is focused on safeguarding our nation, to the U.S. Commerce Department which is focused on promoting American business.

This transfer of authority would open floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program (in place since 1940) which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

As an example to the last comment: When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

We all know that firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations.

This is why fireamrs should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1626

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Goldstein

General Comment

This change will further the danger to the citizen by favoring a business profit over human life -I emlore you please don't sell the lives of our children and ourselves . M Goldsten.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-erzt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1627

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frances Bennett

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. There are safety measures in place that would require licenses that are meant to keep arms transfers, including the blocking of 3D printing of arms, carefully monitored. KEEP THESE RULES IN PLACE AND UNDER THE STATE DEPT.

Commerce does not have the resources in personnel to oversee and keep arms from ending up in the hands of terrorists, arms traffickers and other dangerous entities. Our nation is safer with arms sales being under the State Dept. The safety of our nation is more critical than profits.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-7z56 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1628

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Kerbel

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-w8zb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1629

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Klein

General Comment

I strongly Oppose a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

Common sense gun safety measures, like numerous other issues (climate change, food labeling, immigration reform, prison reform, education reform, short-term lending regulation, healthcare reform, banking regulation, opioid regulation) remains a vexing problem primarily due to corporations' ability to curry favor with elected officials. The corrupting influence of money in our political system is undermining our democratic traditions and discouraging Americans from voting and/or running for office. This ominous development may well end our experiment in representative democracy unless we alter this decades-long trend. For the sake of the republic, we must amend the US Constitution to state that corporations are not people (and do not have constitutional rights) and money is not speech (and thus can be regulated by state and/or federal campaign finance laws). Short of accomplishing this, no other reform of significance will be achieved. The moneyed interests will turn any reform to their benefit, often at the expense of the nation as a whole.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-d6je Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1630

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cindy Ware

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U>S> State Department to the U>S> Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-72pb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1631

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dominica LoBianco

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ktff Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1632

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Ross

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am extremely concerned about the proposed changes in the regulations for guns.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

We need safe and thoughtful gun regulations...not exporting guns for a less secure and stable world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-k2pl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1633

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Rymsza

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of gun regulations from the state dept to the commerce dept

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-1k0a Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1634

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Smith

General Comment

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ab9h Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1635

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not fewer.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ccnh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1636

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Williams

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-z86b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1637

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Damon Mills

General Comment

I am against this change that would move regulations to export firearms to the department of commerce rather than the state department, the state department should continue to regulate export of firearms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-pqkt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1638

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Cohen

General Comment

This is just another way for gun manufacturers to make more money and has nothing to do with people's rights. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-j6zp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1639

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Suzy Clarkson Holstein

General Comment

I oppose the rule change which would put international fire arms sales under the jurisdiction of the Commerce Department. In an era when we are concerned about terrorism and weapons availability, it seems very wrong to move gun sales into a sphere where profit would be the chief concern and not national security. Please keep arms sales under the oversight of Defense.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-xv0b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1640

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vicki Linkin

General Comment

This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-q6oz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1641

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gary Korengel

General Comment

Please do not transfer the responsibilities for gun exports outside the US from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department.

Individual company's goals are to increase sales and dividends for shareholder, not worry if they are selling deadly weapons to terrorist nations and organizations.

The US State Department is much better equipped to process and regulate the export of semi-automatic guns and all lethal weapons than the US Commerce Department.

Keep American's safe now and in the future. We do not want to be fighting terrorist groups that use US made guns.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-p7sw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1642

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frank Wissler

Organization: 695 Hillcrest Trl

General Comment

Another step in reducing the security of our nation in the narrow interests of padding the bottom line of manufacturers. Just one more step to fascism.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-82st Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1643

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alexandra Walter

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-p5dp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1644

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrea Zinn

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-n7he Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1645

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Krist

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The US SHOULD NOT BE EXPORTING MILITARY WEAPONS!!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-2by0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1646

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janie Horowitz

General Comment

I guess, not enough people have died to be a sufficient amount to Warrant gun control! Shame on you!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-fr7i Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1647

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jessica Livingston

General Comment

Keep firearms classified as "military" to keep Americans safe. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-7roa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1648

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Sears

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-2i9e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1649

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brad Johnson

General Comment

This is horrible. The consequences of this will be dire.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-16ze Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1650

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Copenhaver

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations for firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is a question of national security, as Commerce lacks the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere, which means firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-s7yw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1651

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: michael pyle

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule and will vote against "Anyone" who votes for it. We have enough issues with what's already in place regarding assault weapons. This rule is disgusting.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-w9md Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1652

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Neifeld

General Comment

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed regulatory change that would move firearm exports from the U.S. State Department to the Commerce Department. Munitions sales should be more closely monitored, not less so.

Thank you for your consideration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-f2gc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1653

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cheryl Ritch

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I do not believe that this change is in the best interest of the people in our country or the people in the world at large.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-t3q1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1654

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine Bartel

General Comment

The last thing we need is to supply arms to foreign nations. All this talk about securing our borders is meaningless when arms are made available to anyone anywhere. ISIS already loves coming here to restock their arsenals--this would make even travel unnecessary to them. The NRA cares only about making money, not about freedom, democracy or security. The U.S. Department of State is the proper place to decide where weapons can safely be shared.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9433-45t8
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1655

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Reed Floarea

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-d2pw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1656

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sabrina Sutliff-Gross

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9433-hmp7
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1657

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dan Esposito

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-fl11 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1658

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shannon Shea

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Congress needs to be able to know about large-scale sales of arms in other countries, especially to countries with major human rights abuses. Changing the current rule could pose major risks to national security and human rights worldwide.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ypzf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1659

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kim Kensler-Prager

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We need gun safety in our country not pandering to the NRA.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-11fz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1660

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marion Tidwell

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change. Export of weapons should not be overseen by a body with self interest at stake. it should be a matter of national interest.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-obl Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1661

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John W. Bova

General Comment

This rule change is not needed and in fact is a dangerous move only meant to sell more guns to more unstable people!

Please don't let this go through, the world is dangerous enough now!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1662

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Holm

General Comment

I am writing in opposition to the commercialization of guns. We have seen the devastating impact of commercialization in the US. I am adamantly opposed to exporting this deadly policy to other countries.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-9xe1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1663

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cynthia Edney

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

None of this will make US citizens safer from gun violence.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-golp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1664

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brian Fink

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-vkfa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1665

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Nicholas

General Comment

As a VN veteran, I believe there should be no weakening of arms sales. There are to many everywhere.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1666

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Greg Gaucher

General Comment

My point of view is that there should not be any changes to control over international sales of weapons of death. The state department has done an admiral job of protecting our interests world wide.

The transfer of these responsibilities to the commerce department might vacillate exporting of more death around the world. In effect we would be making it easier to provide the means to create more death

some of that death will be the death of more Americans and that is certainly not we want nor is it what we want to be known for.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-qhyr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1667

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ag39 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1668

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eileen Prefontaine

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-kqy9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1669

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Samuels

General Comment

There is too much arms traffic right now. The world need less, not more arms being sent out. Stop this change to make it easier for big business to make more money while setting up more threats to to us and others around the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1670

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: R Gray

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one else asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-1t3o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1671

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: FRANCIS DANCE

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-64i3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1672

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eileen Donnelly

General Comment

No more guns . We need stricter regulations rather than less

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-59wu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1673

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Winston

General Comment

I'm a teacher. I was teaching 30 minutes away from Newtown, CT when the Sandy Hook massacre occurred. I had students who knew murdered first graders. There was an active shooter situation near a college campus 30 minutes from my current house this week in which a New York State Trooper was killed. The gun violence in this country needs to be reigned in. In the interests of National Security, arms regulations must be regulated by a department interested in national security, NOT commerce. Please, we are failing to protect our citizens from firearms badly enough as it is.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1674

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Hanlon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-uty5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1675

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dawn Tubbs

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-oram Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1676

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katie Berkowitz

General Comment

Guns are more than a commodity. We need to be careful about selling them to people who might be enemies tomorrow. There should be much more care shown in selling these types of things. Do not move this to the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-ji06 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1677

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Beverly Railsback

General Comment

I oppose this rule change which would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the US State Department to the US Department of Commerce. This would remove any congressional oversight of firearms exports and potentially allowing exports to dangerous foreign parties.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9433-jnlp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1678

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Unger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-ig57 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1679

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

1. It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.
4. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

This change would only serve two purposes: to further the NRA's agenda to enrich the gun industry, and to further Putin's plan to destabilize the world!

There is NO sane reason for making this change!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-7m04 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1680

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathy Watson

General Comment

Stop caving to the NRA Bull Shit.

Look at Australia and how they have dramatically reduced Gun Violence. More Guns DO NOT MAKE US SAFER !!!!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-jxo1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1681

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Palla

General Comment

THE NRA IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT COLLUDED WITH THE RUSSIANS IN 2016. DO NOT GIVE THESE TRAITORS ANYTHING THEY WANT!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-wsev Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1682

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jan and Mike Mahaffey

General Comment

We most definitely oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is only in the best interest of the NRA. How much power is enough? We need gun control legislation to support the safety of our children, families and law abiding citizens! Lets use some common sense!!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1683

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheila Wentzel

General Comment

To change fire arms sales from the Dept. of State to the Dept. of Commerce is to place the security of the United States at risk. It places all Americans at risk from foreign entities who would be able to purchase military grade weapons at will and use them against us. Do not let this happen.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-68v0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1684

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pamela Kjono

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also copy and paste in other parts of this email, too, in order to make your case.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-qrw1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1685

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lily Lau-Enright

General Comment

I oppose in the strongest voice this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Our world is already in an unsafe and perilous state with rampant uncontrolled gun violence here and abroad. Allow the State Dept to continue its authority to oversee the sale and transfer of firearms. Do not transfer this authority to the Dept of Commerce that has no experience with national security and does not have adequate staff to enforce these new functions. This rule change would hugely threaten the safety and security of our own country as well as internationally.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-7agn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1686

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine Slawinski

General Comment

I want you to know I oppose this rule change, which would allow the U.S. Commerce Department to regulate firearms exports, taking it away from the U.S. State Department. This opens the way for promotion of licensing semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms, rather than their regulation. This must not happen!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-z1p6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1687

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marian Gamble

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of non-military firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-pkw6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1688

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Stromberg

General Comment

Moving regulations on firearms from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. would increase violence around the world. It would be too easy for large quantities of weapons to be exported to dictatorships, terrorists, and organized crime.

Keep the current regulations in the State Dept.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-mbyp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1689

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Rogers

General Comment

Quit selling. military weapons all over the world . We will never have peace that way.
I feel sorry for those who think this is the only way to earn money. It is blood money !

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-3c4l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1690

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annette Shaughnessy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

In addition, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change must not be implemented.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-wykt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1691

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Scott Sinclair

General Comment

Keep control over gun sales to foreign nations. Gangs would have even more power if they can buy weapons more freely.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-icqv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1692

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas Perez

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-e0a8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1693

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eleanor Sylvestro

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-150w Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1694

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Henriet Nadler cohen

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a mother, a clinical Social Worker who is ardently concerned about the importance of gun control as a way to maintain a civilized society and protect human life from the use of guns to harm others.

Currently, I am wriing in opposition to moving export license oversight for firearms from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce because this rule change treats semiautomatic assault rifles as non-military." This is despite the fact that U.S troops routinely use their military rifles in semiautomatic mode, these weapons are used by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts and the civilian possession of such weapons is prohibited in many countries. The proposed rule also" eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deal transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers; and, enables unchecked gun production in the U.S and exports abroad by removing the block on 3 D printing of firearms.

This proposal reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports and transfers gun export licensing from an agency with a mission to promote stability, conflict reduction and human rights, to an agency with a mission to promote trade and lacks the resources to adequately enforce export controls.

Keep The U.S State Department in charge and control of export license oversight for firearms.

Thank you.

Henriet Nadler-Cohen

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-flja Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1695

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gail Fleischaker

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is a naked attempt to allow greater export, hence greater production -- all for the interests of U.S. arms manufacturers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-pro4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1696

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-s9o3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1697

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: MIKE SHUNNEY

General Comment

Weapons manufacturers want to sell guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as "military." This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

[1] "Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms," The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.

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PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-56yo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1698

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Doane

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The State Department will protect us against terrorism. Otherwise through commerce, we could enable ant-Americanist to arm itself and attack us.

Don't do it!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-r53p Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1699

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am opposed to transferring the power of arms sales from the state department to the commerce department . We need fewer guns in this world Guns dont solve problems. People do. The NRA is only interested in making money on the sale of arms and not the lives of people they destroy.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-ovdr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1700

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: A.M. Hess

General Comment

I oppose changing the rules to change regulations of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. U.S. weapons already flood the globe, fueling deadly conflicts worldwide, and I do not want Commerce pushing weapons as a business interest. The State Department's job is protecting our country, and they need to oversee firearms exports in order to do so.

Keep firearms exports under the purview of the U.S. State Department. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-dgcw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1701

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Thryft

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With this rule change, Congress would no longer be able to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries, because it would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls and its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-bmsa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1702

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Schwartz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-uvrd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1703

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Cassinelli

General Comment

As this nation currently has weapons enough for every man, woman and child extant , where is there a need for more of the same? The United States does not need foreign made weapons to become part of that current arsenal of arms in the nation.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-8f2r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1704

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am appalled at this idea and would like to see stricter gun laws not easier access through the absurd channel of the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-6ca4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1705

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cheryl McDowell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-k5z3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1706

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kenneth DeBey

General Comment

To whom it may concern:

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-bb9l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1707

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jane Holt

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please don't switch the regulations from the US State Department to the Department of Commerce.

thank you

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-f3x0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1708

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alexander Kofsky

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-dxun Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1709

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lynn Johnson

Organization: concerned citizen

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

I strongly oppose this proposed rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9434-bam2
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1710

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Resciniti

General Comment

I am opposed to switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department because it would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and it would further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1711

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Francina Golden

General Comment

I am totally opposed to switching control of firearms exports to the Commerce Dept. This will pose a threat to our national security at a time where there is great unrest in the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-cet4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1712

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Handelsman

General Comment

Keep arms export licenses in the State Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-z1d5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1713

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Wallin

Organization: Wallin Mental Medical

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-dfd1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1714

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dave Batten

General Comment

It would be a colossal mistake to treat firearms, particularly semi-automatic weapons, as commodity for export. Providing lethal weapons abroad requires thoughtful review and followup that should remain with the State Department. Let's not export violence to the world in the name of making a buck for weapons manufacturers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9434-mm8
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1715

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: jennifer valentine

General Comment

I oppose the rule change

the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-wxwx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1716

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Geneva Metzger

General Comment

Please do not switch the oversight of the sale of hand weapons from the Dept. of State to the Dept. of Commerce. Our nation has the highest number of deaths committed by regular citizens with personal guns than anyplace else in the world. We should not want this happening anyplace else in the world since we already know that our country has not wanted to or has not been able to deter the number of deaths in this country via personal guns. We should not do anything that would make this a problem or a worse problem anyplace else in the world. The Dept. of Commerce can be pressured by large businesses and might let that pressure by gun manufacturers to influence them to relax rules. We have more than enough deaths every year than we should because of guns. We should not export that problem anyplace. God only can help us if we export this problem to the rest of the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-yvg5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1717

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annabelle Van Dyke

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed rule change that would switch regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Some countries that should not have access to large shipments of firearms would benefit from this change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-qfo4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1718

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: K.V. Schwartz

General Comment

I oppose moving international traffic in arms regulations from the State Department to the Commerce Department because the Blue Lantern program of the State Department is highly effective at preventing sale of firearms to countries with human rights violations.

State Department also blocks exportation of firearms to countries and organized crime groups that pose a security threat to the US. The Department of Commerce lacks experienced professionals capable of determining which potential recipient countries pose a security threat to the US.

We must aim for world peace, not maximizing gun exports to enrich US arms manufacturers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-iwg0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1719

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eve Gregg

General Comment

Why does the government allow itself to be bullied by the NRA?!?! Regulating arms sales is the job of the State department. Gun manufacturers already profit enough from guns terrorizing U.S. citizens--don't open new floodgates for arms sales internationally and further jeopardize our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-c2nj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1720

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lynda Schneekloth

General Comment

I STRONGLY oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

1. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

2. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-2pak Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1721

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: victoria wade

General Comment

I am writing today to voice my sincere opposition to this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This move would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would REMOVE this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comment.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-9l2f Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1722

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Michaelson

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that loosens the Blue Lantern program my decade of experience in police work made it very clear to me that wider availability of guns directly leads to more deaths.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-5saf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1723

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Milliken

General Comment

I write to let you know that I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-u0pc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1724

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: BrendaLee Lennick

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

HERES THE LOW DOWN: Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Submit comments now to the State Department and the Commerce Department opposing the rule change.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place. #VeteransForPeace
#MomsDemandAction

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-vtgr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1725

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kevin Berrill

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-yye3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1726

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Tischhauser

General Comment

I am strongly opposed to moving the administration of export licenses for weapons to the commerce Dept. whose emphasis would be on approving sales rather than concern for American safety. There are too many weapons loose in the world now without opening the floodgates for more.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-pgc0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1727

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Wendy James

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Please keep firearms exports classified as military because they are! And keep it under the regulation of the State Department, so that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries in the name of national security or human rights concerns.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-g09g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1728

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Caitlin Johnston

General Comment

I am against any changes to international regulations governing the sale/export/import of firearms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-z4kk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1729

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Rosenblum

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-3iay Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1730

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Thomson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-83tc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1731

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Virginia Keith

General Comment

My name is Virginia L Keith, I live at 4531 14th Ave S, in Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

I am opposed to the rule change that would make it easier to sell guns around the world without adequate oversight. Also 3 D printing of guns rule should NOT be changed. We are a wash in guns I know the GOP thinks we need more guns but that is just wrong. We need to keep the oversights we now have and not to change them for a quick buck.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-qtxd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1732

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Jane Engh

General Comment

I strongly oppose changing the control of arms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This would deprive Congress and the State Department of the ability to prevent U.S. gun manufacturers from arming dictators, rebels, civil wars, criminals, and enemy regimes around the world, all in the name of profit.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-cdp2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1733

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Esther Diamondstone

General Comment

I oppose moving the regulations of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Haven't we already had enough of Americans being killed abroad by American weaponry in someone else's hands?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-b8i6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1734

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sue Remaley

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1735

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sr. Margaret Ann Arnold

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch regulations of firearms from the US State department to the US Commerce Dept.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-3r2t Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1736

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Colvin

General Comment

I oppose change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder, Cody Wilson, posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws. They were able to do this because his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

For these reasons, I believe this is an irresponsible rule change.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1737

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-mkeo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1738

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joann Hagen

General Comment

I am very opposed to a change to the Dept of Commerce because of the lack of oversight which makes it easier to traffic gun and allow 3D printing of weapons. Our government will lose control of sales. De we really want to be the arms seller to the whole world ? Don't fall for this NRA push. Guns do not make us safer...here at home or in the world.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1739

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1740

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ken O'Connell

General Comment

To whom it may concern,

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

So please keep gun sales the way are, under the State Department.

A concerned Navy Combat Veteran!

Sincerely,
Ken O'Connell

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-pxvf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1741

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Don Hnatowich

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-huf7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1742

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Adam Mills

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. You can also

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1743

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Richardson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1744

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Louis Russ

General Comment

My son Hanif Russ was shoot & killed in April 2016 as result of the excessive easy access of guns in .
B'ham police know the killer but have yet to arrest him
They probably feel that since he was not from a prominent B'ham family is life does not matter to them.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1745

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: margaret medford

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

As a voting citizen, I ask you NOT to change the rules!

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-wn6e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1746

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joel Trupin

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would make it easier to sell guns, including putting regulation over such transactions into the Commerce Department. Guns are a major problem in this country, as well as in other countries where our arms industries do business.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1747

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anita Knipping

General Comment

I vote no against this. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking, and it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please reconsider your stance. It's dangerous enough here as it is.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-qjok Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1748

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeannette Stokols

General Comment

I strongly oppose any change in regulation of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. There are so many countries and non-state actors that would take advantage of any laxity in this regulation and this could create more violence, chaos, repression in countries around the world. There is already enough violence in the world without making it even easier to enact it.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

All of the effects below would be highly detrimental to safety around the world and ultimately, hurtful as well for U.S. citizens:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1749

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Raven Deerwater

General Comment

On this Independence day, please do not shift the exporting of military grade firearms to the Commerce Department -- all it will do is fuel terrorism and make the world less safe. Do not trifle with US Security so gun manufacturers can get more sales.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1750

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Mendoza

Organization: retired

General Comment

I strongly object to and resist the suggested change of control of worldwide automatic weapons sales out of the State Department and into the Department of Commerce. This change would encourage the arming of the world - without the reviews necessary to protect this nation! This is a bald move to increase the sales of weapons manufacturers and the NRA. This must not happen!

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-j8kd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1751

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine White-Fletcher

General Comment

Please do not allow exportation of our deplorable gun policies to other countries thru passage of this bill!! No one, no other society need do the research on the ultra violent effects of increased access and decreased oversight of firearms proliferation! We are living - and dying proof - that this is a bad idea and not at all what the founding fathers had in mind!

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1752

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Holly Dhynes

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9434-cn4o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1753

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jill allbritton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1754

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vanna Cleary

General Comment

I am totally against changing the supervision of gun and munition sales to international buyers from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The sale of these weapons of war should not be governed by people only interested in the fostering of commerce. These are not typical exports. These exports kill people. Their governance should be with the department that is more concerned with maintaining peace, rather than with the department that is concerned primarily with fostering profit.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1755

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Annie McCuen

General Comment

Oh my goodness.... who would want proliferation of guns, arms of any kind.... greedy, fearful, mean spirited people! Look what happens in our poor country, look what happens where guns are funnelled in around the world... chaos, mayhem, abuse, hunger, decimation of ethnic groups... the culture of guns preys on masses who feel inferior, cheated, fearful, the sick in mind who have no other means but vengeful behavior. How terribly sad for such a small planet!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1756

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Besser

General Comment

You can write in something like: I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Turning firearm sales into a commodity is not the way to address gun violence; it would just be another score for the NRA and the gun industry.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-3tzip Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1757

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gertrude Crowley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Another terrible idea put forward by this administration to promote more war and terrorism around the world. Do not try and pull the wool over Americans' eyes, this move jeopardizes our safety and futures further.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-siyw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1758

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Dutschke

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department .

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce

Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal

agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes

countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-moxy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1759

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eleanor Rizzo

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1760

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Najemy

General Comment

Flooding the world with assault weapons will bring mayhem to the rest of the world, as it has to our own country. Such weapons could easily find their way to terrorists. This should be stopped.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-1zu5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1761

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tlaloc Tokuda

General Comment

The proposed rule changes that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department is a NO BRAINER! This rule change must have been dreamed up by the NRA and gun manufacturers! What does the Commerce Dept. try to do? SELL MORE! Who are the people who normally get guns, war lords, gangsters, military juntas, etc.?! Trump and his Republicans cronies are always talking about the national security but these rule changes would put more lethal weapons into the wrong hands and make us less safe.

I was thinking how can anyone come up with such a crazy idea, then realize how strong the NRA and its lobbyist are. This rule change will make the world a totally UNSAFE PLACE. This rule change should NOT be entertained or applied!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9eeg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1762

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

No, this change in arms regulations must not be approved. For gunsmiths to have to fill out a little paperwork and pay fees is merely inconvenient and a small price to pay to keep military style weapons out of the hands of terrorists and crazies who like to shoot up schools and public places. We need MORE regulation, not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-h3k9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1763

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Loewenstein

General Comment

1. Do not eliminate the Blue Lantern Program.
2. Do not eliminate licensing for Brokers
3. Do not remove black on 3d printing of Firearms

Firearms are dangerous. Most people know how to use them, what they don't know is WHEN to use them, IF EVER.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-emyo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1764

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paul Eusey

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. What type of moronic stupid and evil is behind this proposed change is ghastly abhorrent and as a proud American, its just unthinkable. You have my permission and encouragement to publicly bitch slap the moron(s) behind this bonehead stupid proposal. This is wrong, its immoral, its stupid personified, its evil, its unpatriotic, and I hope everyone has the common sense and decency to toss this back into the shit can of stupidity from whence it came. Thank You!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1765

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Don Hunter

General Comment

I believe the U.S. should strictly regulate the sale of firearms to other countries. The State Department is more appropriate than Commerce to oversee the sales. Further, the U.S. government should not encourage sales of firearms to other countries. The gun industry has shown that it will go to extreme lengths to promote firearm sales, without consideration for the societal impacts of doing so.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1766

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: PJ Stewart

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We must protect society in general, but especially our children and grandchildren in schools, parks, and everywhere.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the world.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-1kc4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1767

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: dixie fletcher

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of this important role of monitoring the sale of guns and assault weapons from the State Dept to the Commerce dept. As we have learned in the past, selling guns to other countries can come back to bite us in the ass when those same weapons are used against us later!! Any sales of firearms should be carefully monitored and the commerce dept does not have the staff to manage this. Please leave this important task in the hands of those who care about human rights and issues of the abuse of power. sincerely,
Dixie fletcher

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Tracking No. 1k2-9435-mhy5
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1768

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: frances hugg

General Comment

The United States already holds the world's record for mass shootings among a civilian population not engaged in a war or civil conflict! Now by this horrendous change from the State Department to the Commerce Department, you want to endanger us to mass shootings abroad as well! You want the NRA to spread its mayhem of death throughout the world! This is unconscionable! and unacceptable! SHAME ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND ITS RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE IN THE NAME OF GREEDY PROFIT FOR THE GUN MANUFACTURERS!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1769

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I would appreciate the US Department of State reconsider the implications of International Traffic in Arms Regulations. The US doesn't need everyone having access to weapons to use against us. Like they say, if someone wants a weapon, they will find it one way or another, which usually means someone is going to get hurt. There is enough hurt in this world to last a lifetime or two. Please investigate the awful ramifications of this change. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1770

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Kuning

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The NRA is supporting and pushing this legislation to enable gun manufacturers to reap more profits at the cost of more innocent lives.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1771

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-dy9c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1772

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janet Muir

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. If this change is made, Congress would no longer be informed of large arms sales or be able to block them. Military-style weapons, such as semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms, could be exported to dangerous foreign countries, threatening our national security. Furthermore, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls, so firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This change would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, allowing anyone to make unlimited numbers of weapons.

This administration has claimed that our national security is risked by immigrants at our borders, but this change -- initiated only for motives of profit -- would have the effect of increasing civil wars and gang violence in foreign countries that would bring more people seeking asylum to our borders. Our non-stop wars on terrorism would be made more difficult and costly if our enemies can purchase military-style weapons with impunity.

For all these reasons, this change of regulatory control would be serving the arms makers, but hurting the country as a whole. I oppose it and I hope you will too.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-ber5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1773

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Leslie Herman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[1]
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[2]
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[3]

[1] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[2] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[3] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1774

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James and Leslee McPherson

General Comment

I oppose changing oversight of gun sales from the State Department (national security) to the Commerce Department (boosting American sales abroad). The USA should not become an international death merchant.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-4ku8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1775

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kelly McConnell

Organization: 2EZ Computers

General Comment

STOP arming the world. The US is THE largest terrorist organization in the world today. The US is THE largest supplier of weapons to EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. The US is THE largest instigator and enabler of violence and conflict in the world.

I am ashamed to say that I'm an American and when I travel outside the US I'm afraid to admit I'm an American because we have ensured that most of the world hates us by fostering violence and repression and protecting the biggest polluters and resource thieves from local accountability everywhere we, as a country, go.

WE are the worldwide threat to democracy that we accuse others of being and that needs to STOP.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-jccm Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1776

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn Johanessen

General Comment

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-3j9o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1777

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: JORDAN ROSS

General Comment

Please do not transfer power over gun sales from the State Dept. to the Dept. of Commerce. This will only encourage more gun sales and violence in this country.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-z724 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1778

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose shifting the regulation of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Such a move would open the sale of massive amounts of weapons to international use. This would be a security threat to both the U.S. and the world. Terrorists could then buy these weapons. Is this what we want?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1779

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marianne Ludwig

General Comment

I am appalled about the proposed rule change giving the department of commerce the right to expedite the overseas sale of automatic weapons. We have so many problems with guns in our country and now we seek to export those problems abroad? This is madness!

The State Department is the proper department to determine the need, if any, of these licenses. Lets clean up our own mess before we start destroying someone elses Homeland.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1780

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Angie Kung

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-ta2x Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1781

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandra Rohde

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I want to keep our country safe & the world safe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-yz3h Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1782

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jo Niemann

General Comment

The sale of firearms requires more control, not less, because they kill people around the world every day in acts of terror, political violence, gang warfare, and domestic violence.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-iy9q Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1783

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Scott Karstetter

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9gap Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1784

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-2mxu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1785

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pamela Calhoun

General Comment

I oppose any rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce

Department, which would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal

agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes

countries and causes mass migration.[4]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-kq01 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1786

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marilyn Guterman

General Comment

The idea of moving the regulation of firearms exports from the state department to the commerce department is truly a bad idea. To cite just a few reasons it would make it easier for dictatorial regimes, organized crime and terrorists to obtain guns in large quantities. It would remove the state department block on the 3D printing of firearms which would make things even worse. It would allow for the destabilization of countries with massive unrest and countless deaths. Please, in the name of peace and sanity do not allow this to happen.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-mief Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1787

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Melanie Lipton

General Comment

I oppose this rules change to switch the regulation of fire arms export from the US state department to the US commerce department

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-68c2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1788

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joanna Kapner

General Comment

I strongly support keeping the regulation of firearms sales under the jurisdiction of the State Department.
Do not transfer control to the Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9mo7
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1789

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Bannister

General Comment

I OPPOSE removing firearm exports from DOS and putting them under Commerce Dept. This change would be extremely bad for national security, for the U.S., and for the international community.

Removing arms exports from DOS will make it much easier for arms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and rogue states to obtain large quantities of American guns and ammunition. There is no American interest that is served by such a move, as the beneficiaries would seem to be limited to criminals, arms manufacturers, and the NRA.

Removing arms exports from DOS control and oversight would eliminate the Blue Lantern program of inspections and reporting;

eliminate broker licensing requirements, which will increase trafficking; eliminate the DOS block on open source instructions for 3D firearm printing; eliminate the ability of Congress to block, in the name of national security, large batch firearm sales to foreign nations; and significantly reduce our ability to enforce firearms exports by putting it in an agency that does not have the ability, experience, or worldwide staff and resources to adequately perform this critical function.

Please, in the immediate and long-term interest of the national security of our country, do NOT move the regulation of firearm exports from DOS to Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-r3da Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1790

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kristina Cliff-Evans

General Comment

This is a horrendous plan and must not happen. Do not agree to this NRA plan to increase the revenues of ggun manufacturers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-tjpb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1791

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margy Patchin

General Comment

This change would set a dangerous precedent.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-vy1a Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1792

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: KAREN COULSON

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-ybsp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1793

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anna Yen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-syor Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1794

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabethann Border

General Comment

I am SICK of the NRA running our country. It is time for change and you either get on the rising tide or lose your seat!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-us71 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1795

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: CAROL MARSH

General Comment

The proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department is a horrific idea. Assault weapons have no purpose except to kill human beings, and if the United States starts selling guns around the world to anyone who has the money, the only possible effect would be a massive increase in violent death everywhere.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-j5ig Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1796

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Freidenreich

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms exports should continue to be classified as military so that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries, if it sees fit. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-go0t Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1797

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kate Guideau

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-hutb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1798

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Dalrymple

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-vljx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1799

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Teresa Allen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The regulation of firearms should not be about the making of money but the protection of the populace!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-x32c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1800

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John R Thayer

General Comment

Do not transfer your authority over this to the Commerce Department. You are responsible for keeping us safe. That is NOT the responsibility of the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9435-c64m
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1801

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Mudrick

General Comment

The proposed rule change is dangerous.

- 1.It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
- 2.It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
- 3.It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

I am opposed. Thank you

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-crf9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1802

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous from NH Anonymous from NH

General Comment

Dear Regulatory Assistant:

This letter is in opposition to letting the NRA populate the WORLD with arms, especially military arms. The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They (the NRA) are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.]

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. In a corresponding article, Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018, this spells disaster because Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. We've already seen what massive damage the AR-15 does in America, especially killing innocent people in schools. WE DON'T NEED THE NRA AND THE UNITED STATES DELIVERING MILITARY OR OTHER GUNS AND AMMUNITION BEING SOLD TO THOSE WHO CAN HARM AND KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE FOR GREEDY PURPOSES.

Thank you for listening!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-kzye Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1803

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: D Jessop

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The purchase of guns should be a much more rigorous process with regular (i.e. yearly) mental evaluation and many other requirements. It's ridiculous that any person - sane or otherwise - can purchase a gun in our country.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-j4qu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1804

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Solomon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition if the switch is allowed.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9zfb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1805

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mark Williams

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export -- including semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms -- from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open the floodgates for arms sales internationally, which will seriously undermine our national security when they flow back through our borders illegally and without background checks. The interests of the members of the gun lobby should never be more important than the safety of the American homeland.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-6p03 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1806

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Schultz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-f8o8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1807

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Curtis Coulson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

We do not need the invisible hand of the market increasing the number of guns in the world. And to allow 3D printing of weapons is asking for more mayhem in public spaces.

All for a few dollars.

This is like promoting smoking or recreational opiod use. Future generations will look back and marvel at our stupidity.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-6iy1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1808

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Juliette Blount

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This is ridiculous and we need to stop pretending that our government is powerless to improve this situation. We know better. It is time to do better!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-9p5z Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1809

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas Holley

General Comment

I oppose the rule change shifting overbite for weapon sales to the commerce department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-w4wq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1810

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sherry Abts

General Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

Firearms regulations should REMAIN within the jurisdiction of US STATE DEPT not Commerce Dept. For better SAFETY of all Americans please keep Firearm regulations under control of US STATE DEPT.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-d644 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1811

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Mutch

General Comment

I think your money would be much better spent for the common good by investigating why guns in the hands of civilians are necessary.

Except for hunters, civilians should not need arms if there availability is closely monitored.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-4r32 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1812

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Tomasik

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-1csk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1813

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lindsay Mugglestone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1814

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Victoria Silver

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Department can better control the global flow of firearms from the US than Commerce, which does not have the personnel or the bureaucracy to do an effective job. This is simply a sop to the firearm industry promoted by the NRA. Do not change the status quo.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-6gkg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1815

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Shannon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-3cyj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1816

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marsha McCroden

General Comment

The rule belongs at the State Department. It is a national security issue. Without it we have no way of telling who is buying, transferring large amounts of arms from the US and to whom we are selling to. I thought this was addressed in the 1980s, when Reagan was selling arms to Khomeini and the proceeds were used to fund the Nicaraguan Contras.

The NRA has put so many roadblocks in the way, we can't even control who has how many guns, if they should have access to them or not, who is buying them online or at gun shows and if they are on terrorist watch lists.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-wd3x Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1817

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alaina Hebert

General Comment

Guns are the number 1 cause of death in America. This must stop.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-kvo9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1818

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Roberta Martin

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-jbnp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1819

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steven Wright

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This matter is a national security issue and should be subject to regulation and oversight by the State Department and Congress. This responsibility should not be transferred to the U.S. Commerce Department, which has an obvious motivation to increase firearm exports without proper regard for our national security. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-lghp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1820

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Debbie Royalty

General Comment

Dear sirs/Madams,

It has been brought to my attention that the NRA and gun manufacturers are lobbying for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I strongly disagree with this rule change. This would allow for the focusing of arms sales on economics not on safeguarding persons and country. This transfer of authority would have serious negative implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-v865 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1821

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Olivia Diaz

General Comment

This move to the Dept of Commerce is totally inappropriate. I vehemently oppose the move.

By promoting sales throughout the world, our security, as well as the security of the world's population is put in further peril.

Keep the regulations on export licenses of automatic weapons under the purview of the State Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-4y0m Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1822

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betsy Hand

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Department is the appropriate agency to regulate firearms (weapons) sales. The Department of Commerce is more aligned with promoting businesses, whether firearms or couches.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1823

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maria Aragon

General Comment

Guns are a nuisance and a danger in our society. It even says in the Constitution that they should be 'well-regulated' and yet here we: guns for everyone and their Aunt Tillie. This is nuts. Regulate these enablers of harm, these vehicles of hate. The members of the NRA may be buried up to their ears in guns and bullets, but they are vastly out-numbered by all of us other citizens who don't feel the need to carry a gun when we go for our coffee - because we're adults who don't need security blankets to carry on our daily affairs.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-p9xo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1824

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Johnson

General Comment

I strongly object to the transfer of control of weapons sales out of the department of state. The department of commerce has no experience with this and the transfer would lead to more weapons in the hands of criminals.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9435-655r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1825

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Melina

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, and terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more not less regulation. Please leave the authority to oversee international arms sales with the State Department. It will help make our country and our world a safer place.

I know the devastation that firearms cause. As the designer of the Massachusetts Memorial to Homicide Victims, The Garden of Peace, I have listened to the stories of heartbreak experienced by parents who have lost children to gun violence. Don't expose the rest of the world to the horror of mass shootings; school shootings and church shootings, concert shootings, and nightclub shootings and all the other daily violence that we experience in this country! Please.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-bopc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1826

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stacie Slay

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Please halt this clear attempt to profit on the World's instability and atrocities.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1827

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Luke Ouradnik

Organization: Midco

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-8o5v Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1828

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Valerie Rounds-Atkinson

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-b4a2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1829

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jack Milton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-hdiw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1830

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Please keep the export licenses for assault weapons and other firearms with the U.S. Dept. of State - Dept. of Commerce should not be in the gun business.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-7bkb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1831

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Krista Florin

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-39ks Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1832

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Penelope Sweeting

General Comment

Giving the Commerce Dept control of war weapons is not a good thing for America. Trump will not be around forever, causing an imbalance in small nation's powers is not going to help us. It will cause our actual immigration service (not ice] to be unable to keep terrorists out.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-bzhs Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1833

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Abbott

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This should require diplomatic supervision. It should be more than just a business decision.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-dexq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1834

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barb Travis

General Comment

I adamantly oppose changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. If this rule is changed, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep illegal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-rwhf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1835

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: judith cohen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S Commerce Department.

Switching this regulation would facilitate firearms exports tot oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and cause mass migration..

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-2dpb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1836

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

Organization: Mom'srising.org

General Comment

"I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Safeguarding our nation to putting it up for sale is UnAmerican. This new ruling transfers the authority from the US State Department whose focus is safeguarding our nation to the US Commerce Department whose focus is promoting business. Of course, the NRA and gun manufacturers want this as it will open new floodgates for arms sales internationally with serious implications for our national security. Thus democracy is sabotaged for both our country and we the people--all for the sake of fulfilling corporate and individualistic self interests.

The following are details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Kindly refrain from supporting this ruling as it will not serve the common good nor the values and culture that formed the United States of America.

Respectfully yours,

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1837

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathleen Eaton

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal

agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with

violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer,

anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of

firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political

violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1838

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Garrett

General Comment

I am opposed to this rule change because I feel it would threaten our national security and ultimately put more weapons in the hands of terrorists who would use them against us. International sales of large quantities of firearms should remain under the control of the State Department. Congress should remain automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security. It is important that this Congressional power remain as the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition, which could ultimately be used against our own military or our own civilians. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are a dangerous threat to civilized society. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-mrfh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1839

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marilyn Britton

General Comment

I VERY STRONGLY oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

As you know, currently firearms exports are classified as military and therefore are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. But with the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

We are having more than enough problems, especially with automatic weapons, and we definitely DO NOT need to spread that problem around the world. It sounds like a change for NRA GREED wanting to get more sales with no concern for anyone's welfare.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-1kt8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1840

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lora Farber

General Comment

This is dangerous. The 3D printing capability is terrifying. You are giving away the safety of our public spaces to the highest bidder. Lives are not less valuable than profits. Do the moral thing and stop this while you can.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1841

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: AMY ASSAEL

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-2oeu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1842

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gabrielle Meeker

General Comment

Firearm exports must stay in the realm of the State Department and not be transferred to Commerce. The Commerce Department is not equipped to handle these exports which are military in nature. The State Department already has what it needs to control this important activity. Changing it to Commerce is not only a waste of resources but reduces the safety of firearm export

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1843

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Terry Travis

General Comment

I adamantly oppose changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. If this rule is changed, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep illegal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1844

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Saamann

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place because:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre- license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Say no to the NRA.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-js3u Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1845

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Jones

General Comment

Please don't change firearms export regulations. America is already unsafe for the average citizen due to lax firearms regulations. Don't export the dangers of firearms to other countries. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1846

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bonnie Gorman

General Comment

gun manufacturers are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Please OPPOSE this transfer on grounds of national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-3lu4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1847

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary T

General Comment

I strongly oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department is not equipped to do this work and it would a very irresponsible move that would haunt the U.S. down the road.

Removing this responsibility from the State Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Beware of the snake that will end up biting its own tail and eating itself alive.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-62hz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1848

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Stone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-wvcr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1849

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kent Minault

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. Keep the rules the way they are.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-6l9m Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1850

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jean Driscoll

General Comment

Where gun sales are concerned, the more regulations and overview the better. All over the world, too many people are being killed unnecessarily. Therefore, it is important to keep this under the State Department instead of the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-2sa2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1851

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joanne Tenney

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change would open new floodgates for arm sales internationally with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-vh64 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1852

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheila Siegel

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-5v40 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1853

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I do not think we should be pushing gun sales in other countries. We already have issues with the gun sales happenjng here

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-wsak Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1854

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joseph Ambat

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-vsf4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1855

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Suzanne Byron

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-yjc2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1856

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diana Dycus

General Comment

I oppose the change, of the Fire Arms Rule from the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The sale of Fire Arms is a very dangerous and needs to be regulated as such, not like a piece of clothing, toys, or food.

Thank you, Diana Dycus 46304

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-5g6h Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1857

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Hanks

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I strongly oppose this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-4xp6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1858

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katie Barnett

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule: International Traffic in Arms Regulations: US Munitions List Categories I, II, and III.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[1]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[2]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[3]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[4]

[1] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[2] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[3] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[4] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-qlwg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1859

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

In the name of Americas security, how can you consider letting guns become part of the Commerce Department? We should not be in the business of selling guns we should be limiting the purchase of guns. Stand up for Americans and their security not The NRAs business plan, all guns everywhere, all the time.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-viok Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1860

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Keefe

General Comment

Weapons kill people here and everywhere they are sold around the world. It is time to support nonviolent solutions in areas of conflict and there are organizations ready to do this work (Nonviolent Peaceforce). Violence from weapons causes more violence and much more death and destruction.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-tv57 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1861

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jason Magidson

General Comment

I oppose the proposed gun exports rule change for the following reasons:

It treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military, despite their use by U.S. troops, their use by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and their prohibition for civilian possession in many countries.

It eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals.

It transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers.

It removes statutory license requirements for brokers, increasing risk of trafficking.

It reduces or eliminates end-use controls, such as State Depts Blue Lantern program, and by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.

It enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to enforce export controls, even now.

It reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports.

It transfers gun export licensing from agency with mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with mission to promote trade.

Firearms are used to kill a thousand people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1862

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Gillespie

General Comment

I think this is a dangerous route to go. There are already too many arms out there. This is just a way to run around oversight. Please resist the NRA's attempt to increase profits for arms manufacturers at the expense of common sense.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-dv8e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1863

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Spenta Cama

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

**It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

**It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

**It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please do the needful and right thing and keep this with the State Department.

Thank you for your consideration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-yjir Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1864

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stanley McDonald, Jr.

General Comment

I strongly oppose any transfer of US Arms Regulations from Dept. of State to Dept. of Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-kkot Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1865

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Cunningham

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-ihz2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1866

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Valerie Klauscher

General Comment

I am adamantly opposed to allowing export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms to be overseen by the U.S. Commerce Department rather than the U.S. State Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I also demand that you vet all comments that are posted on both the DOS and BIS sites for bot traffic. I am an actual citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, USA.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-g2pt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1867

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Mountsier

General Comment

I vehemently oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe this is counter productive to the American interests and will only bring more instability and violence to other countries. I believe it is critical that the State Department retain the important function of overseeing any types of sales or exports of guns or other military equipment.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1868

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paula H

General Comment

This is truly outrageous. Neither gun manufacturers, nor the president should have this power. What is happening to our country? It feels like we are becoming a dictatorship and a fascist one at that. This certainly looks like the merger of corporation and state, a large part of the definition of fascism. Our country spreading weapons around the world does not help people or the environment. Congress needs to declare wars and needs to decide on weapons sales.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1869

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Daniel Giesy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

In particular, the interests of the citizens of the United States are better served by the status quo than by the proposed change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-a0j3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1870

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sandi Hebley

Organization: Cathedral of Hope

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1871

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Wehrman

General Comment

I oppose this proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1872

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard Crooker

General Comment

The sale of weapons to other countries (or entities therein) should be in a manner which respects said country's laws. It should

be done in a manner which supports, not aggravates, our foreign policy, and therefore oversight belongs with the State Dept.

To shift this responsibility to the Commerce Dept. is to put business first; it makes the U.S. no better than gun runners.

The last thing we need is to export our problems (e.g., assault weapons for individuals, large magazines) to other countries, and make it harder to work diplomatically with them.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1873

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Morton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This is a very bad policy proposal that will make the US less safe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-odsv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1874

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrew Kistler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This idea is dangerous and irresponsible.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9436-6yt4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1875

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Iltis

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-r28o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1876

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Phoebe Farag

General Comment

I am against switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. A switch like this would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The export of firearms should be done by experts in diplomacy, not experts in business. The United States is already a huge exporter of arms to the world, and changing this rule would make the world even MORE dangerous than it is:

1- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

2- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

3- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1877

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Li Goodman

General Comment

I am opposed to a rule change that would move the regulation of firearms and ammunition to the Commerce Department. Selling more weapons to foreign nations will endanger our national security. Remember all the uproar over Fast and Furious? Remember the arrests over the Iran-Contra Affair? The world is already a dangerous place without more American weaponry flooding the market.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-dpm8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1878

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hattie Gerrish

General Comment

I am opposed to these anti-security rule changes.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-nveg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1879

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joan Russo

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-rnn3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1880

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Naifeh

General Comment

Regulation of fire arms needs to have stronger regulations. Assault weapons need to be banned.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-m8vo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1881

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Johnson

General Comment

I am against changing the regulations for the selling of guns to the Commerce Department. The U.S. does not need guns falling into the hands of terrorists all over the world. We have enough problems keeping guns out of peoples hands in our country. How would the Commerce Department ever determine who could buy the guns. Our Countrys safety is more important than increasing gun sales.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1882

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marlene R. Tandler

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Further more, changing this rule would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking and it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-c1tt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1883

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Malone

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Help keep our nation safer from groups who would rapidly take advantage of this change to stockpile more arms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-96o3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1884

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jackie Weisberg

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1885

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bertino Marro

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Currently, firearms exports are classified as military and are under the regulation of the State Department, enabling Congress to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that should be stopped in the name of national security - even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

Furthermore, the Commerce Department does not have adequate resources to enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. Thus firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-evow Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1886

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katherine Wood

General Comment

This proposed change of transfer export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons from US State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the US Commerce Dept. (focused on promoting business & profits) doesn't make any sense. Arms sales internationally has serious implications on national security. I do not trust someone looking to make money to protect my countries security.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Are you crazy! This makes me fear for the safety of the country. Business in charge of national security?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1887

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1888

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patricia Kelcher

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1889

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Briar Winters

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1890

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Drew Pelton

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new portals for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1891

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Emrick

General Comment

This is a change that is unnecessary and ultimately dangerous. Until we have the safe use of guns in our country and fewer Americans killed or injured seriously then this is an outrageous request.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-4on1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1892

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Chris Chato

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1893

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cathrine spencer

General Comment

I wish to oppose the rule change that seeks to switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms exports are classified as military under the regulation of the State Department. Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. If the rule were to change, congress would no longer be automatically informed about large batches of weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns. The transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, which can add to mounting serious implications for our national security. Therefore, I strongly advocate for serious consideration of not changing our current regulations structure so we can bolster the safety of our country and the world.

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1894

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Russell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. We can't even keep our own citizens from using firearms on one another. Why on earth would we want to make it easier to arm the world, just for a buck? Please don't let this insanity move forward.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1895

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Schneider

General Comment

Do not let the NRA push a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business)

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1896

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peggie Jo Vincent

General Comment

I am concerned about a proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U. S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation to the U. S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American Business). It would remove a program that carries out inspections. It would remove licensing requirements of brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. These are all actions that would contribute to dangers to our democracy and to grave dangers to the lives of people around the world.

For these reasons please do not change the State Department rules that now work to keep us safe. For the protection of our democracy and the protection of our lives, please do not change the current rules for the exporting of semi automatic assault weapons.

Sincerely,

Peggie Jo Vincent

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1897

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elaine Fisher

General Comment

I oppose this change. Don't make it easier to get guns.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-1898

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth McCloskey

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The proposed rule would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. And it would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The world does not need any more weapons and the U.S. does not need this rule change. I strongly oppose this proposed rule to change U.S. international arms regulations.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-pxnw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1899

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jim Coots

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed transfer of authority to regulate international sale of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This dangerous manouvre will open many doors for terrorists and criminals in other countries all for the sake of profits for domestic gun manufacturers and distributors. Shame, shame, shame on the USA if we move forward on this effort to arm the people of the world. Thankfully, other countries do not have a Second Amendment, and we should help keep it that way.

Thank you.

Jim Coots

Long Beach, CA

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-qn5e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1900

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charmian Tashjian

General Comment

Do not change the rule of arms regulations. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-wcra Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1901

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eileen Soderstrom

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are military goods, they are not commercial goods.

The State Department has the Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. Removing the control of the State Department would end this.

The State Department has enabled a block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

With the proposed rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Changing the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-s2ib Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1902

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rivko Knox

General Comment

I am writing as an almost 80 year old 'never-missed voting in any election' mother and grandmother to let my government know that I oppose the rule transferring oversight of small arms/firearms exports from oversight by the State Department to the Commerce Department. The former focuses on intergovernmental relations to include, for example, the impact of exporting small arms to different parts of the world, e.g., increasing gang violence in several Central American countries with a resulting significant increase in migration from those places to the US. The latter focuses only on how it can help US businesses be more successful. And of even greater concern to me is the fact that this proposed rule eliminates congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 or more. Why? Who asked for this change? Could it be related to the decreasing domestic sale of guns (we are saturated) and thus the fact that gun manufacturers are looking to expand sales by selling internationally? That is not bad per se but the State Department could weigh that increase in sales against the negatives caused by such sales to the stability of other nations to include how such weapons could get into the hands of terrorists. The Commerce Department does NOT have that expert or focus.

So, again, I say NOT to this proposed rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-9fxy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1903

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gay Kramer-Dodd

General Comment

I am quite disturbed to learn that our government wants to contribute to greater violence, instability, and war in the world. Yet that is what this rule would do, by moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

I can see why the National Rifle Association is promoting this -- they want to encourage more gun sales. But other than arms manufacturers profits, there is only detriment, not benefit, to everyone else.

This rule change would It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

In the interest of our national security and the safety of people in the US and all over the world, please reject this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
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Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1904

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sara DuBois

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of the U.S. State department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms for export are classified as "military". They are . under the regulation of the State Department, and, as such, Congress can block sales of firearms to foreign countries. If this rule changes, Congress could no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns. Meanwhile, the the Commerce Department just does not have the resources or manpower to adequately enforce export controls. There would be far fewer hurdles to obtaining large numbers of firearms traffickers, organized crime, and other violent and dangerous agents.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-9211 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1905

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I DO NOT SUPPORT JEOPARDIZING LIVES & STABILITY FOR THE SAKE OF \$\$\$.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds

of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder

Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged

him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D

printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D

printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1906

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sara Brandon

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

How the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not fewer!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-r3a8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1907

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DAVE VAN DYKE

General Comment

Just what the world needs, more tools to kill each other! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where is the simple honesty that recognizes the insanity of the motives of the N.R.A.?

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Trump wants to stop Muslims from coming into the U.S. to make us safer. Where then is the logic in exporting weapons to the world?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-jmwk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1908

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dee Matkowski

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-ydq4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1909

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-38sl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1910

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DAVE VAN DYKE

General Comment

Just what the world needs, more tools to kill each other! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where is the simple honesty that recognizes the insanity of the motives of the N.R.A.?

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-penv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1911

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Tarallo

General Comment

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-ognl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1912

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joe Veltri

General Comment

This is insanity! Please don't allow more weapons in this violent world. Think about humanity. I strongly oppose this change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-3vr1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1913

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DAVE VAN DYKE

General Comment

Just what the world needs, more tools to kill each other! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Where is the simple honesty that recognizes the insanity of the motives of the N.R.A.?

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-nm72 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1914

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

As a United States Citizen I reject the request by the NRA to transfer oversight of gun sales from the State Department to the Department of Commerce

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-11b7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1915

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Singh

General Comment

The sale of firearms should remain under the jurisdiction of the State Department. This agency is better able to protect the safety of American citizens and the well-being of other people in the world. The majority of Americans do not accept the argument of the NRA that we are better off with more weapons in the hands of everyone. Perhaps they argue that case because they are controlled by gun manufacturers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-w6av Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1916

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Gregg Bragg

General Comment

ENOUGH with the MF guns!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-h0vn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1917

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julia Knight

General Comment

I oppose the firearms rule change!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-9abv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1918

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Larson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-snm9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1919

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Pardee

General Comment

Regulation of Export of firearms and other weapons of war should rightfully remain with the State Department, not Commerce. The driving mandate should be for peace and safety, not commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-gqm3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1920

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I strongly oppose relaxing rules to make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, I support saving lives as a priority. Thank you for considering my views.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-ss3l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1921

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robert Karpinski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

In addition, this rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place because:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-7ghl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1922

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anne Thomas

General Comment

I am very much opposed to moving regulation of International Traffic in Arms from the State Department to the Department of Commerce. This belongs in the State Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-epwg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1923

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jackie Ramirez

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-1ff6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1924

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charles Losasso

General Comment

Who will gain from switching oversight from the State Department to Commerce? It is not everyday people around the world or in the US. It is the gun manufacturers who want to further profits by making others less safe as a result of ineffective oversight by the Commerce Department that has the objective of increasing sales for certain industries. The proposed change should not fool anyone as to what is going on and this scheme should be firmly rejected.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-w77g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1925

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tina McKim

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Treating international gun sales as a commodity to be ever increased will increase global violence and threaten national security. It would put so many guns into the wrong hands and would be disastrous.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-p39o Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1926

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Goodman

General Comment

I oppose this rule. This is insane. It would make it easier for gun manufacturers to export weapons to foreign countries

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-cun9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1927

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marietta Carter

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1) It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2) It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3) It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-n1sp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1928

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: janet perlman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department

successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.

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PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-8wcb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1929

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jennifer Loudon

General Comment

I absolutely oppose this change. These are weapons of war, and their regulation belongs fully and permanently under the authority of the State Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9437-ugcq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1930

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Lang

General Comment

Firearms and guns should not be available to the worlds citizens without regulation. We have seen the harm it has done in our own country. A major health epidemic. Guns designed for military use have no place in the hands of children, raged adults. This is absolutely ludicrous!

I urge the US State Department to have some common sense and prevent the release of guns into international traffic. Its the equivalent of sending lyons and tigers and poisonous snakes without any trainers or cages.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1931

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: D Bell

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I strongly oppose this rule change.

Thank you for reading my comment.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-ss0g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1932

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: M Kirby

General Comment

Please do not proceed with this proposal. Moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-5m1r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1933

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

My husband and I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-nnx2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1934

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Richard C Russell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-ylbv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1935

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sally Shaw

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Arming people in other nations is a matter which should be regulated by those concerned primarily with our safety and security, not by an agency promoting commerce.

Much of the gun-violence around the world is done with American supplied weapons via military sourcing. This too must be curtailed if we want to promote peace. But allowing the sale of firearms to civilians to be overseen by the Commerce Dept. will only exacerbate this violence.

Keep gun exports under the control of the State Department, please.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-sbgy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1936

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: bonnie kohleriter

General Comment

Please don't switch the regulating of firearms sales from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept. when it comes to Internat'l sales. The Commerce Dept. doesn't have the safeguards the State Dept. has for trying to get weapons into the hands of those who would use them safely. Thank you Bonnie Kohleriter

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-t7kh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1937

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Roberts-Moneir

General Comment

As long as the export of firearms is under the regulation of the State Department, Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. A rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department, would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. With a change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

In addition, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have adequate staff available at the multiple locations necessary. Without adequate controls, firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The obvious security nightmare such a change would create far outweighs financial benefits to private American weapons manufacturers, and the plan should be not just shelved, but tossed out permanently.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1938

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. If a rule change occurs that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business), it would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the insane rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources or mission to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Firearms are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

I vigorously oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I demand that rule change die before human beings do.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-rrnu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1939

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nick Meek

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-8j8d Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1940

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joanne Hardy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1941

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Morimoto

General Comment

I oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Guns are clearly in a very separate category from other commercial products. Toasters are not used by terrorists, organized crime, or for political violence.

The United States needs to maintain or even increase strict export controls and rigorous enforcement of firearms trade. The proposed change would remove licensing requirements for brokers, resulting in increased firearms trafficking. This will put many more lives around the world in danger from the unscrupulous use of firearms.

This change would also result in the elimination of the State Department's Blue Lantern program, which carries out hundred of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

The oversight of the export of items with clear potential military or illegal use should remain with the State Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1942

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara coulson

General Comment

Thank you for allowing me to comment on arms sales to despotic countries.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. We should not be approving the actions of countries whose leaders kill their own people, nor should the US arms manufacturers be engaged in war profiteering, which is against the law.

We never seem to learn. Time after time we train and arm despots who turn against the U.S. by using the tactics we taught them and using the weapons we sold (or gave) them. No arms manufacturer should be allowed to profit from actions against our Government.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-y0f2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1943

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sarah Dolley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-hq2i Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1944

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ken Koupal

General Comment

Don't allow us to be arms dealers.

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-z7sm Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1945

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Emma Houseman

General Comment

I feel that regulation of firearms, especially semiautomatic guns and the like, need to remain under the US Department of State. Our countries safety depends on it,

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-avns Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1946

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Ulman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1947

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

To whom it may concern - as a U.S. resident in the state of Texas, I oppose this rule change that would enable gun sales to other countries. Our own current state of gun mania and lax regulations is killing too many young Americans, we have a moral obligation not to perpetuate this problem in other countries for the sake of corporate greed.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1948

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: angelo sturino

General Comment

it is imperative that both society and all sectors too to come to terms of the gun violence that is tearing the core to fragments of our values and democratic society. There is a need to study all levels of society , all levels of education, all levels that measure the core areas of violence Our 2nd amendment assures every US citizen the right to bear arms that is both historical and means more today. However, there is a call for commonsense legislation to assure the above and safety and violence of our US citizens..... What better way to celebrate on this Fourth of July, America's independencethank you.....

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-ji2x Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1949

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Terence Travis

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

That is why I adamantly oppose changing the rule that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. If this rule is changed, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep illegal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-bfuv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1950

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Libby Schovajsa

General Comment

This change would make our country and the world more dangerous for all of earth's inhabitants. Please do allow the restrictions on firearms to be loosened. We need more regulations, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-y41i Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1951

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: DeeDee Tostanoski

General Comment

I strongly oppose the removal of international arms regulation from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept. State is in the unique position to evaluate the international impact of arms sales to particular individuals and areas of the world, as well as to identify likely bad actors in this exchange. Arms dealers around the world have been contributing to making the world a more dangerous place, and State has been able to limit some of that impact. The mission of the Department of Commerce is to promote commerce, not to secure the safety of the world's citizens. This shift in responsibility is ill-advised and will have dangerous repercussions.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-86cv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1952

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joel Trupin

General Comment

We don't need guns. They are harmful to our country and to other countries to whom we sell them. The claim that the 2nd Amendment protects gun ownership is erroneous. It was written in 1791 and applied to militia, which are no longer our means of defense. The gun manufacturer's lobby, the NRA, has generated political pressure to defeat laws regulating gun ownership, thereby creating serious social problems in the U.S., from a high incidence of gun deaths to crime, racism and drugs. The political will to defeat the NRA and institute regulation of gun sales and ownership is on the horizon. If our politicians don't take action, our youth will.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-6uxz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1953

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LTC (ret.) Jose Cruz

General Comment

I condemn this in the strongest possible manner. There is NO reason for the State Department to abdicate this responsibility, which helps keep US secure. Transferring this authority to the Commerce Department, which is only interested in making profits for corporate America, even if it results in mass slaughters in other countries as we see in the US today, is abominable. DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-4tih Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1954

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Seren Bradshaw

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Guns, especially military-grade weapons, need to be strictly controlled and not be used solely as a source of commercial revenue. Put me down as a NO vote on this proposed rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-oxr8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1955

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Randall

General Comment

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department for the following reasons.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department insures the world will be a far more dangerous place because this action would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would also eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would increase the risk of trafficking by removing licensing requirements for brokers,.

It would also remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. This would make it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere around the globe, to produce a lethal weapon. When Defense Distributed founder, Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws. This rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thank you for your consideration & time.

Respectfully yours,
Margaret Randall

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-h3uj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1956

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Henrietta Wise

General Comment

FORBID ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ANY KIND OF GUN TO OR FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-9a0s Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1957

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elliot Daniels

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule to transfer authority for export control licensing of firearms from State Dept/ITAR to the Dept of Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-syh6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1958

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Herzfeld

General Comment

Increasing international sales of guns will just increase violence in receiving countries and drive more refugees to our borders. Don't we have enough of that already?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-2qoz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1959

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Meredith Faltin

General Comment

Please make guns less, not more available!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-irc7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1960

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alisheba Hurwitz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule will remove safeguards against dangerous arms deals.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-okxu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1961

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: George Fuller

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule for the following reasons:

The proposed rule treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military. But many state and non-state groups in importing countries use semi-automatic rifles in armed conflicts, causing enormous damage. U.S. troops use rifles in semi-automatic mode an overwhelming amount of the time. Regarding wide retail availability of firearms, about which comment has been requested, many countries prohibit civilian possession of semi-automatic rifles and handguns, as well as of any larger caliber firearm. Because military-style assault rifles clearly have substantial military utility, transfer of these firearms to Commerce Department control is inconsistent with the statutory framework enacted by the Congress to regulate the export of arms.

The proposed rule would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. Congress will no longer be automatically informed about sizable sales of these weapons. That will limit its ability to comment on related human rights concerns, as it recently did on the Philippines and Turkey.[2] Congressional action in 2002 required sales of firearms regulated by the US Munitions List valued at \$1 million or more be notified to Congress. Items moved to Commerce control would no longer be subject to such notification. In a September 15, 2017, letter, Senators Benjamin Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, and Patrick Leahy explicitly noted that this move would violate Congressional intent and effectively eliminate Congress proper role.

The new rules would transfer the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Registration fees that since the 1940s have been used to offset the costs to the government of tracking who is manufacturing weapons would no longer apply to manufacturers of semi-automatic weapons, and Commerce does not charge any fee for licensing. So the government i.e., taxpayers will absorb the cost of reviewing applications and processing licenses.

The rule reduces end-use controls for gun exports. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program for gun and ammunition exports, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It also would move license approval out of the department that compiles the U.S. Governments information on human rights violations, reducing the ability to effectively deny weapons licenses to international human rights violators. End-use controls also are weakened by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s. Registration of exporters allows the State Department to check an exporters history whenever a manufacturer or

broker requests a license for a particular gun export sale. But the transfer of licensing to Commerce will remove new exporters and brokers of these firearms from the State Department database, weakening enforcement against arms trafficking.

The rule enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms. Unless corrected, the new regulations run the risk of effectively condoning and enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. By effectively eliminating many means to detect firearms, background checks on domestic sales and end-use controls on international exports for such weapons, this change could generate many preventable tragedies.

The Commerce Department does not have resources to enforce export controls, even before the addition of 10,000 firearms export license applicants as a result of this rule predicted by Commerce.[4] Moreover, the State Department has developed extensive data, expertise and institutional relations to implement the Leahy Law for security assistance, which can serve as a critical foundation in both pre-license and post-shipment checks to control and verify end uses and end users. Commerce does not have these resources. This rule would transfer gun export licensing to an agency the Commerce Department whose principle mission is to promote trade. Firearms, both assault weapons and non-semi-automatic weapons, are uniquely and pervasively used in criminal violence around the world. Controlling their export should be handled by the State Department, which is mandated and structured to address the potential impacts in importing nations on stability, human security, conflict, and human rights.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-6qoa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1962

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Henrietta Wise

General Comment

Call any sale or passage of any form of gun or guns to or from anywhere in the world to or from anywhere in the world a "weapon" or "weapons" and forbid the passage of that gun or guns.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-xnn2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1963

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: LK WOODRUFF

General Comment

Short version:

The NRA is currently the USA's public enemy #1.

They are even more destructive than the Trump regime.

And now they plan to expand their diabolical mission worldwide.

NO!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-rjrq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1964

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of authorization of export sales of firearms from the US State Dept to the US Commerce Dept, this is a dangerous and reckless policy ...the State Sept should always have authority and discernment regarding any weapons.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-hnfq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1965

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: J PR

General Comment

Do NOT make the switch from arms control being in the hands of the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Dept is better suited to oversee the protections of US citizens whereas the Commerce Dept has the desires of gun manufacturers and promoters at the fore. We need FEWER guns not MORE. We need GREATER oversight and protections not LESS!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-jrfu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1966

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Daniel Cavanaugh

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-txie Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1967

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Philip Moulden

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-bcoh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1968

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: kristin carstarphen

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-w3yi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1969

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino

General Comment

Dear Sir/Madam,

My husband and I are very concerned and strongly oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Simply put, the NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

We support the fact that right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

More specifically, we strongly oppose this rule change for the following reasons:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

So for all the above reasons, IT IS THE RIGHT, FAIR, JUST, HUMANE AND HEALTHY ACTION TO oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino
Tucson, AZ

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-1vmc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1970

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ruth Sheldon

General Comment

Please, please, please do not make this rule change. It is bad for everyone except those who profit from gun sales and they profit too much already.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9438-6nn2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1971

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

this should be unconstitutional due to the liabilities to our own military abroad and us police agencies involved with the heroin trade.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-lj0r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1972

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Songalia

General Comment

Firearms exports must continue to be classified as military. They must remain under the regulation of the State Department so Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.

I am opposed to switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department because this change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The State Departments Blue Lantern program must not be eliminated.

Licensing requirements for brokers must not be eliminated.

The State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms must not be eliminated.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-rz1p Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1973

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Craig Coulter

General Comment

I oppose this new action. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please consider all of this and deny the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-ix9y Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1974

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nydia Leaf

Organization: Granny Peace Brigade

General Comment

To the U.S. State Department - To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is a matter of national security - we must not and cannot permit any change that will open the floodgates of weapons trading.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-9s51 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1975

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Edward Rengers

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-5xws Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1976

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Edelstein

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- 1 It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2 It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3 It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-jl7y Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1977

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: randall potts

General Comment

I strongly oppose the Rule change in International Traffic in Arms Regulation. This is a terrible change to longstanding and effective regulation of international arms sales from the USA that will not only harm our standing in the civilized western world, but also help arm the worst war criminals who oppress their own people.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The only beneficiaries of this rule change are gun manufactures, arms dealers and the vermin they arm. This makes the USA less safe and compromises our moral standing and values. This change is totally against the interests of USA citizens. Please do not do it.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-9fo1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1978

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lois Feuer

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The rule change would make such sales a matter of money rather than one of national/international defense and security. We do harm to our own and other nations when we supply deadly weapons to terrorists and lawless governments.

This kind of sale alienates law-abiding nations (of which we should be the leader), betrays international agreements, and foments violence around the world.

For these reasons I oppose the change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-sxhv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1979

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Diane Kent

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-doug Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1980

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cornelia Shearer

General Comment

I have recently learned that not only are there a gut of all kinds of guns in the U. S., but drug smugglers are bringing guns across the border into Mexico contributing to the violence of the gangs there that keep that country in a state of semi warfare with the citizens.

We desperately need to find ways that decrease the huge number of guns available in the U.S. The second amendment does not say that each citizen has the right to act as though they are an independent militia.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-233c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1981

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ireri Bravo

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-1a86 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1982

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karl Hamann

General Comment

I am completely opposed to the NRA's shameless bid to flood the world with US made weapons. Moving the authority for weapons sales to the Dept. of Commerce is a cynical ploy, and must not stand!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-rpgx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1983

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William 'Skip' Dykoski

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-88nn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1984

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rebecca tippens

General Comment

Please do not move from the state department oversight of arms' shipments:

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Changing the process would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-rf2f Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1985

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Duerksen

General Comment

I oppose moving the regulation of firearms exports from the Department of State to Department of Commerce. This change would make the world a more dangerous place:

- It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-y97c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1986

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: leora douraghy

General Comment

I oppose the rule change to switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Under the State Department, the sale of weapons is strategic, under the Department of Commerce the sale of weapons would be horrific, turning a once benevolent Uncle Sam into a merchant of death.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-bm3r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1987

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pennie Heath

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-4ss2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1988

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary-Beth Santarelli

General Comment

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE USA TO GET AMERICAN GUNS AND AMMO. THESE WILL ONLY BE USED AGAINST USAND ALSO TO HARM OTHERS.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-a494 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1989

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: robin waterhouse

General Comment

no assault rifles, no automatic rifles
no need for peons to have them. i am sure the preppers have alot.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-zq5b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1990

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy O'Byrne

General Comment

This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. I oppose this proposed rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-zief Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1991

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cheryl Pressgrove

General Comment

We have enough gun violence in our country without exporting it to others. We have immigrants fleeing violence in their countries and seeking asylum in the US. Greed should not dictate our moral obligations to our fellow man/womankind!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-eyj4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1992

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Adina Parsley

Organization: none

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Leave firearm export regulations with the State Department whose primary interest is national security and not with the Commerce Department whose primary interest is promoting American business.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-wnln Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1993

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Scarabin

General Comment

Congress should not let this type of BS be passed for a corporation of death (NRA & corporations making these killing machines).

This is all about making money for political gain, again STOP the BS!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-mi0y Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1994

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn Rose

General Comment

It is essential that the U.S. Department of State continue to review sales of firearms to overseas buyers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-t5s4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1995

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Concerned Citizen

General Comment

I strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would make the world a more dangerous place and increase the number of firearms thereby increasing crime and adding to the unsafe conditions that can cause increased migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9439-2329
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1996

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rita Raftery

General Comment

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I oppose the rule change.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-z1z4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1997

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Gregory

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-5d3b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1998

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Starr

General Comment

i oppose this rule change that would switch the supervisory group over gun sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-2qlr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-1999

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Patrizia Lazzeri

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

To keep ALL Americans safe, this MUST never be allowed to happen!! Thank you!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-wmdn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2000

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Miller

General Comment

I am writing to express concern with the proposal to change the regulation of arms exportation from the State Dept to the Commerce Dept. I have always felt shame that the US is responsible for more exportation of weapons to all parts of the world than any other country. Many times it is clear we have actually armed both sides of a disagreement and we have armed our own enemies. We should promote conflict resolution and not violence. Moving control of munitions export to Commerce just makes it abundantly clear that our own motivations are profit and not safety, diplomacy or democracy. Please oppose this proposed rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-dckv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2001

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alicia Shapinsky

General Comment

I oppose this rule change switching the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Such a switch would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms exports should remain under the regulation of the U.S. State Department. Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-9439-y9lr
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2002

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Cato

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place: It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military under the regulation of the State Department, and Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to enforce export controls adequately. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-9439-6cfg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2003

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charles Tucker

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This switch would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-wro7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2004

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jacqui Lipschitz

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-6mmo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2005

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2006

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Suzanne Heidemann

General Comment

I strongly feel the regulation of export of firearms from the US should stay within the State Department where there are resources to track and follow and intercept if necessary any weapons that are exported from the US.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2007

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marney Reed

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2008

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rose Catania

General Comment

I vehemently DO NOT agree with the proposed rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This is a dangerous proposal, as It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program on inspections and reports. It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking tremendously. DO NOT CHANGE THE RULE.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2009

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Glen Kappy

General Comment

I understand there is a proposed rule change that would take the regulation of U.S. firearms exports from the U.S. State Department and put it under the U.S. Department of Commerce. If true, I strongly oppose this change.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your attention to this matter.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-yu9e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2010

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carol Carpenter

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It's quite obvious that this rule change is simply a blind to bring more firearms into the U.S., and we definitely do not need more assault type weapons in the hands of civilians. There have been enough deaths and misery caused by assault weapons and the mentally ill or terrorists who were able to buy them. Please do not allow this rule change to go through.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-pe0i Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2011

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Douglas Sedon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-ko6c Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2012

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christopher Fite

General Comment

We should not have the NRA, and U.S. gun manufacturers, selling guns outside this country. Too often, these guns end up being used in wars around the world. You think fireworks on the 4th of July are dangerous? They are nothing compared to the killing and destruction of wars, which are aided when the NRA, and U.S. gun manufacturers are selling guns to foreign governments and private individuals in other countries.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-fnqp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2013

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Chris Saia

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Changing any of these rules, at this point, would be bat-shit crazy.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2014

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike Vanlandingham

General Comment

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2015

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Johnson

General Comment

<https://action.momsrising.org/go/38288?t=9&akid=11004%2E2168612%2EHaA8pT>

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2016

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sylvie Stevenson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-glqo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2017

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rita Carter

General Comment

I oppose the rule changes to International Traffic in Arms that would allow less weapons sales monitoring and control.

Since firearms exports are now classified as military and are under the regulation of the State Department, then Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-df2p Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2018

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: RJ Cooper

General Comment

Limit arms exports. Do not move jurisdiction to Commerce! If that is done, almost anyone, anywhere can purchase military grade weapons.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-rcgi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2019

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stuart Rayvid

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-nfij Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2020

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Morse

General Comment

No, don't do it! I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It should be a crime to ship guns overseas.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-woh1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2021

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change! Dept. Of Commerce has no
Place being in charge of gun sales, especially internationally. It needs to remain as is.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-5p95 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2022

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathryn Brown

General Comment

Moving the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business) would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.
Please do not make this change!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-9f73 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2023

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Erin Hayes

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-qopp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2024

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Perry

General Comment

I strongly oppose rule change to allow control of firearm sales internationally from State Department to the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-tw5j Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2025

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ginny Mitchell

General Comment

All guns or any kind have only one purpose, to kill. I have lived for 70 years and have never needed a gun to protect myself. The only people I would need to protect myself from are those with guns. Duh! Why do we need all this killing? To line the pockets of the NRA.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2026

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: paul runion

General Comment

i oppose the rule change which would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. Dept. of State
to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-3i35 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2027

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janelle Murphy

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943a-imkl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2028

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Linda Prostko

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2029

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Waterman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2030

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: patrice schooley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the United State Department to the US Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-mq01 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2031

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S.

Commerce Department. Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could

stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of

Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist

organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2032

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michelle Nelson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-4xry Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2033

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Vieira

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

We would be fools to allow weapons to be sold on the international markets. This could be used by terrorist organizations as a means to arm large numbers of combatants hell bent to create havoc and kill innocent people.

This is another NRA scheme to increase the sales of weapons by the gun manufacturers.

The NRA is a disreputable advocacy organization and is responsible for the gun violence in our country and should not be curried any favors.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2034

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carolyn Knoll

General Comment

As a citizen of the United States, I am very concerned about gun violence and our exporting of this violence by selling guns to other countries. I oppose the proposed rule for the following reasons:

1. The proposed rule treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military. But many state and non-state groups in importing countries use semi-automatic rifles in armed conflicts, causing enormous damage. U.S. troops use rifles in semi-automatic mode an overwhelming amount of the time. Regarding wide retail availability of firearms, about which comment has been requested, many countries prohibit civilian possession of semi-automatic rifles and handguns, as well as of any larger caliber firearm. Many semi-automatic rifles are also easily converted to fully automatic firearms. Because military-style assault rifles clearly have substantial military utility, transfer of these firearms to Commerce Department control is inconsistent with the statutory framework enacted by the Congress to regulate the export of arms.
2. The proposed rule would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. Congress will no longer be automatically informed about sizable sales of these weapons. That will limit its ability to comment on related human rights concerns. In a September 15, 2017, letter, Senators Benjamin Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, and Patrick Leahy explicitly noted that this move would violate Congressional intent and effectively eliminate Congress proper role.
3. The new rules would transfer the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers. Registration fees that since the 1940s have been used to offset the costs to the government of tracking who is manufacturing weapons would no longer apply to manufacturers of semi-automatic weapons, and Commerce does not charge any fee for licensing. So the government -- i.e., taxpayers -- will absorb the cost of reviewing applications and processing licenses. Gun exporters that benefit from these sales should shoulder this cost.
4. National laws for brokers and financiers who arrange firearm shipments are a weak link in the chain of efforts to curtail trafficking of small arms and light weapons. There is good reason for concern that firearms brokers will no longer be subject to US brokering law. Although Commerce states it will retain rules on brokering for a State Department list that includes assault rifles, there is no statutory basis for brokers of these weapons to register and obtain a license, increasing the risk of trafficking.
5. The rule reduces end-use controls for gun exports. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program for gun and ammunition exports, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-

shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It also would move license approval out of the department that compiles the U.S. Governments information on human rights violations, reducing the ability to effectively deny weapons licenses to international human rights violators. End-use controls also are weakened by eliminating registration of firearms exporters, a requirement since the 1940s.

Registration of exporters allows the State Department to check an exporters history whenever a manufacturer or broker requests a license for a particular gun export sale. But the transfer of licensing to Commerce will remove new exporters and brokers of these firearms from the State Department database, weakening enforcement against arms trafficking.

6. The Commerce Department does not have resources to enforce export controls, even before the addition of 30,000 firearms export licenses as a result of this rule predicted by Commerce. The BISs enforcement office, with no staff in Latin America, Africa, or many other parts of the world, is not equipped to take the same level of preventive measures for end-use controls. Moreover, the State Department has developed extensive data, expertise and institutional relations to implement the Leahy Law for security assistance, which can serve as a critical foundation in both pre-license and post-shipment checks to control and verify end uses and end users. Commerce does not have these resources.

7. The proposed change will reduce transparency and reporting on gun exports. The rule would eliminate Congressional and public awareness of the total amount (dollar value and items) of firearms sales authorizations and deliveries around the world, since the Commerce Department annual reports currently only cover about 20 countries.

Firearms are used to kill a thousand people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2035

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sharon Tuttle

General Comment

I am writing to strongly oppose this rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

This rule change has the potential to harm both national security and international human rights. For example, with the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department simply does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large quantities of American guns and ammunition.

Thus, switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would be dangerous and irresponsible, and must not go forward.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2036

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lois Klepin

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-upqi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2037

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Miriam McCaleb

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-943b-bezg
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: [DOS-2017-0046-0001](#)

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2038

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: toby kutler

General Comment

I cannot understand why the U.S. Department would even consider international traffic in arms regulation: U.S. Munitions list categories.

why this dept even think of doing such a terrible thing ..Iam begging for sake of everyone. No NO No NO NO

NO

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-w4rr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2039

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Miranda

General Comment

Semi-automatic firearms should stay on the State Department's US Munitions List. They are very dangerous guns. AK-47s have been involved in human rights abuses. I strongly oppose reclassifying semi-automatic weapons as commercial items. Please keep AK-47s on the State Department's US Munitions List.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-z851 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2040

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Petra Barclay

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-pqwr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2041

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-i12y Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2042

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: brian faleiro

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-paql Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2043

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Daniel Blum

General Comment

I am writing in opposition to moving export license oversight for firearms from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce because the proposed rule change treats semiautomatic assault rifles as non-military. This is despite the fact that U.S. troops routinely use their military rifles in semiautomatic mode, these weapons are used by state and non-state groups in armed conflicts, and the civilian possession of such weapons is prohibited in many countries. The proposed rule also: eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals; transfers the cost of processing licenses from gun manufacturers to taxpayers; and, enables unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms. The proposal reduces transparency and reporting on gun exports and transfers gun export licensing from an agency with a mission to promote stability, conflict reduction, and human rights, to an agency with a mission to promote trade and which lacks the resources to adequately enforce export controls.

Firearms are used to kill a thousand people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not fewer. It seems your department is forgetting that immigrants are entering America through its southern border requesting asylum from their home countries due to gang violence. Remember these gangs and other violent people are receiving their guns from America more often than from any other country. Hence, the only reason for more easily allowing guns made in America to be shipped across its border is because there is no perceived threat to America's border security by your department. If that is so then I fully expect your department to declare that there is no increased security threat to America's southern border and to vigorously denounce any actions to increase funding for border security, including for more personal or for building more walls on America's southern border.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018
Tracking No. 1k2-943b-56w0
Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2044

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose the change from State Dept to Commerce Dept.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-cqj0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2045

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cindy Kuenzi

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The firearms we export will likely be used against our citizens or our allies abroad. Enough.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-iagy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2046

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pat Wolff

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-sifp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2047

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Robin Patten

Organization: none

General Comment

Are you seriously going to make it easier for gun manufacturers to sell and ship firearms all over the world? They already send countless firearms around the world, please don't make it any easier.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Please don't make the world more dangerous than it already is.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-jfch Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2048

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James & Leslea Kunz

General Comment

The world does NOT need morte guns for public consumption, but many fewer. Why not assist non-European countries world-wide remove guns and make them illegal in public places??!?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-dphz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2049

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jean Wiant

General Comment

the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-2rez Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2050

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Aaron Tovo

General Comment

If you sell arms to others countries you can only expect (more) blowback.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-6h4s Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2051

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jim Snee

General Comment

I oppose this rule change. It removes these gun sales from the protection of National Security to that of promoting business.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943b-5tcl Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2052

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alison Dillemath

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-svuw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2053

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Reed

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that was switched the regulation of firearms export from the United States state department to the United States Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-sq62 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2054

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betiana Caprioli

Organization: Dream Realized Scholarship

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that will allow sales of firearms to oppressive government.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-v1id Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2055

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ken Koenigshofer

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I ask that the State Department and the Commerce Department oppose the rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2056

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cathy Marczyk

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-egld Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2057

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Valerie Leonard

General Comment

I am writing to express my opposition to switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. I believe this would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

I think this change would make the world a far more dangerous place and here are my reasons why:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

1. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please do not make this change.

Thank you,

Valerie Leonard

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2058

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I live in Lebanon, Oregon and am a member of the United Church of Christ, which is active in peace and justice issues. I have gone on several trips to Latin America, and this past April I was part of a Witness for Peace delegation that traveled to Mexico and spent 10 days in Oaxaca and Mexico City. We talked to several people representing indigenous groups and others who face violence and repression on a regular basis. One common theme we heard was that the perpetrators of violence are using weapons obtained from the U.S., either legally through the Merida Initiative, or illegally by smuggling arms across the border. Arms used in crimes have been traced back to U.S. manufacturers through their serial numbers. Once the arms reach Mexico there is little oversight of their distribution, and they wind up in the hands of armed militias, secret security forces and cartels. The result is that Mexico has one of the highest homicide rates in the world. For the safety and security of the Mexican people, Mexico needs fewer arms, not more, and more control on the guns sent there, not less control.

I oppose the proposed rule for the following reasons:

1. The proposed rule treats semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military. But many state and non-state groups in importing countries use semi-automatic rifles in armed conflicts, causing enormous damage. Regarding wide retail availability of firearms, about which comment has been requested, many countries, including Mexico, prohibit civilian possession of semi-automatic rifles and handguns, as well as of any larger caliber firearm. Treating semi-automatic assault rifles as non-military would only increase the number of these deadly arms reaching local police forces, who are supposed to protect civilians, not assault them. Six U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and several large retail chains also prohibit retail sale of semi-automatic assault rifles. Semi-automatic rifles are also easily converted to fully automatic firearms. Because military-style assault rifles clearly have substantial military utility, transfer of these firearms to Commerce Department control is inconsistent with the statutory framework enacted by the Congress to regulate the export of arms.
2. The proposed rule would eliminate Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. Congress will no longer be automatically informed about sizable sales of these weapons. That will limit its ability to comment on related human rights concerns, as it recently did on the Philippines and Turkey. Human rights abuses in Mexico are not well-known outside the country and eliminating Congressional oversight would make it more difficult to identify the abusers. Congressional action in 2002 required sales of firearms regulated by the US Munitions List valued at \$1 million or more be notified to Congress. Items

moved to Commerce control would no longer be subject to such notification. In a September 15, 2017, letter, Senators Benjamin Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, and Patrick Leahy explicitly noted that this move would violate Congressional intent and effectively eliminate Congress proper role.

3. The rule reduces end-use controls for gun exports. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program for gun and ammunition exports, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It also would move license approval out of the department that compiles the U.S. Governments information on human rights violations, reducing the ability to effectively deny weapons licenses to international human rights violators.

4. The proposed change will reduce transparency and reporting on gun exports. The rule would eliminate Congressional and public awareness of the total amount (dollar value and items) of firearms sales authorizations and deliveries around the world, since the Commerce Department annual reports currently only cover about 20 countries. Knowing the total amount of firearms deliveries is important in examining the relationship between the number of guns and the amount of violence in a country.

5. Firearms are used to kill a thousand people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. Research indicates that the types of weapons being transferred to Commerce control, including AR-15, AK-47, and other military-style assault rifles and their ammunition, are weapons of choice for criminal organizations in Mexico and other Latin American countries that are responsible for most of the increasing and record levels of homicides in those countries. The export of these weapons should be subject to more controls, not less.

Leave the regulation of firearms and ammunition under the State Department.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Crouse

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-5izh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2059

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mike Lundgren

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2060

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jay Mullings

General Comment

I am opposed to this rule change.

Anything that make more semi automatic weapons, means more dead people.

Keep the situation as it is.

This change would count on gun manufacturers
to tell th gvt about huge shippments of AR-15 to Turkey,
the mfg. would not tell & Kurds would be killed.

NO easing exports of weapon w/o congress in every instance.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2061

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marjel Zaldivar

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. This is not just an issue about business. People's safety, and ultimately, America's safety are on the line.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2062

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Sheeler

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-l7uo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2063

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kathe Garbrick

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

This would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-2fui Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2064

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jerry Nailon

General Comment

comments now to the State Department and the Commerce Department through the below links. You can write in something like: I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-xrs9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2065

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Helen Dickey

General Comment

This proposal to move the authority to regulate guns from the State Department to the Commerce Department , is so terribly wrong it is scary. The Commerce Dept does not have the manpower to oversee this big an operation, nor does it have the training. This is so typical of the NRA and would do so much damage to our security in this country, and in the whole world. Please do what you can to see that this does not happen.

Thank you,

Helen Dickey

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-cljr Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2066

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Jo Baumann

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms are dangerous! They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of terrorism, organized crime, political violence and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less. The Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls!

This rule change would remove essential safe safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents from obtaining the weapons that fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Please do the right thing and forgo this disastrous rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-gh2v Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2067

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Stern

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-c057 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2068

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lewise Busch

General Comment

Dear sir or madame:

I want to protest vigorously any plans to switch the regulation of firearms exports away from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The latter is clearly not equipped to assess the potential impacts of firearms sales to nations where there are rampant civil rights abuses, drug cartel operations, political violence, or just plain high rates of violence. State is much better equipped and focussed to concentrate on our security and the reduction of violence fueling the high rates of mass immigration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:
It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Thank you for considering my thoughts about this!

Sincerely,

Lewise Busch

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-57cb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2069

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: karen kindel

General Comment

Switching regulations of firearms export from US State Dept to US Commerce Dept is a terrible idea. After all the gun tragedies, how can this even be considered. It would increase arms sales internationally and impact national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-uh5z Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2070

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elaine Pinches

General Comment

Please don't change the regulations! Thank you!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-3qp8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2071

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Phelps

General Comment

I am a registered gun owner and I oppose placing the export of firearms under the aegis of the Commerce Department. They are correctly classified as military and belong under the purview of the State Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943c-ijgu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2072

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carlos Cabezud

General Comment

Please do not turn over the regulation of firearms exports to the Commerce department; let the State dept.continue to handle it.

Letting Commerce do this could lead to huge quantities of firearms winding up in the hands of countries which constantly violate human rights.

Sincerely,

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-woax Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2073

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marguerite Benoit

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-bfex Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2074

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dawn Albanese

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S.State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Once the almighty dollar is involved, morality & common sense go out the window.

Thank you for your time & consideration in this matter.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-efyb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2075

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Bachman

General Comment

I object to the international trade in firearms shifting from the Department of State to the Commerce Department. We need to keep control of where the arms and what type of arms are going, what they will be used for, and whether the use is consistent with US values. The Commerce Department is charged with selling the US commerce, not in making value judgements on our exports. Do not transfer our arms sales to the Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-1fyi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2076

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Kronheim

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

The public comment period for this rule change ends on July 9.

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

HERES THE LOW DOWN: Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations, and suicides. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.

[2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.

[3] Ibid., The Boston Globe

[4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[5] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[6] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-hdyi Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2077

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jan Sockness

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-yrwe Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2078

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephen Gliva

General Comment

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-6ba6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2079

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Vicky Matsui

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-kyzb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2080

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: michael cunningham

General Comment

I think that regulations on arms and us munitions should be kept at the StateDept. So they can control the licensing of US made arms to keep them from being exported to the WRONG people or countrys .
michael cunningham

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-a2nf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2081

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rachel Seidel

General Comment

Please do not remove the control of selling guns overseas from State Dept and move it to the Commerce Dept.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-lbwa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2082

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jeanne Hogan

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I do not want to see firearms exported to oppressive regimes, removal of safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and do not want to further & fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-msc1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2083

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Bryce

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would shift international firearms traffic regulation from the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-s73w Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2084

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dorelle Ackermann

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-dowq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2085

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dorelle Ackermann

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943d-pq57 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2086

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deb Hahn

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-e95e Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2087

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marlana Santoyo

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-ugk7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2088

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marie braga

General Comment

Please don't spread the sale of guns internationally. Stop the madness just to make money!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-l3j7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2089

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Matthews

General Comment

Please do not change the control of sale of firearms from the State Department to the Department of Commerce. Firearms exports should be continued to be classified as military", so that Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Unacceptable!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-v557 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2090

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: ellen kabat

General Comment

I oppose this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-plvm Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2091

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michelle Castellanos

General Comment

Please leave the handling of firearms/munitions licenses under the State department and not under the commerce department since I believe its in the best interest of our safety. Lets keep money interests out of safety interests.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-u884 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2092

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Ann Fleming

General Comment

I oppose giving the Commerce Department jurisdiction over firearms sales. Because of national security, this needs to remain with the State Department. Hopefully this would allow decisions to not be subject to the firearms manufacturers desire for profits at the expense of national safety.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-dra3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2093

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ernest Isaacs

General Comment

Here is how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

Please reject this terrible change

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-kqlz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2094

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Virginia Lee

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere.

This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1.It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

2.It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

3.It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder

Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged

him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a

3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling

3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous.

They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations.

They should be subject to more controls, not less!

A July 5, 2017, article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences identifies that Earth is in the midst of its sixth mass extinction episode: Biological annihilation via the ongoing sixth mass extinction signaled by vertebrate population losses and declines.

The article concludes: "...Earth's sixth mass extinction episode has proceeded further than most assume. ... (T)he proximate causes of population extinctions (are): habitat conversion, climate disruption, overexploitation, toxification, species invasion, disease, and (potentially) large-scale nuclear war ... (T)he ultimate drivers of those immediate causes of biotic destruction (are), namely, human overpopulation and continued population growth, and overconsumption, especially by the rich. ... (T)he sixth mass extinction is already here and the window for effective action is very short, probably two or three decades at most. All signs point to ever more powerful assaults on biodiversity in the next two decades, painting a dismal picture of the future of life, including human life."

<https://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1704949114>

Fascism, a governmental system run by a dictator, exalts the state and race above the individual.

Fascism enforces severe economic and social regimentation.

Fascism enables mega-businesses / wealthy economic predators who support the dictator to profit from exploiting / harming / enslaving / killing scapegoats -- the "other."

Fascism creates special privileges for its wealthy supporters -- in this case weapons dealers and the NRA, both of whom contribute inordinate dark money to the Republican majority in Congress and the current occupant of the White House.

Does the U.S. Department of State want to accelerate Earth's sixth mass extinction episode with a world-wide blood bath that enriches U.S. arms dealers and the NRA?

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-viy0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2095

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jessica R Semon

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It would endanger human lives, including those of US citizens.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-f304 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2096

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jean Ross

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This is unacceptable and should not be allowed so that the NRA and gun manufacturers can sell more arms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-u3q8 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2097

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Glen Anderson

General Comment

I STRONGLY OPPOSE Trump's proposal to move export license oversight for firearms from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce THAT WOULD PROMOTE TERRORISM by making firearms seem like just another commercial commodity for the Dept. of Commerce to rubber-stamp.

The Dept. of State knows what's going on in other countries, so the Dept. of State should continue its oversight power.

Trump's proposed rule change treats semiautomatic assault rifles as non-military. WHAT BALONEY!!!!
U.S. troops routinely use their military rifles in semiautomatic mode.
Foreign militaries and TERRORISTS use them.
TRUMP WANTS FOREIGN DICTATORS AND TERRORISTS TO GET EASIER ACCESS TO
GUNS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The proposed rule also eliminates Congressional oversight for important gun export deals. WE NEED OVERSIGHT!

The rule IMPOSES COSTS UPON TAXPAYERS that gun manufacturers should pay (costs of processing licenses).

The rule allows unchecked gun production in the U.S. and exports abroad by removing the block on 3D printing of firearms.

PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS!!!! PREVENT TRUMP FROM ARMING TERRORISTS!!!!

STOP THIS INCREDIBLY RECKLESS AND STUPID RULE!!!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-8ajv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2098

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karen Multer

General Comment

This is a horrendous idea ! After watching countless attacks on students and other groups of innocent people, how can this even be considered? It is a totally bad idea.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-29wx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2099

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nicole Taylor

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Dept. to the U.S. Commerce Dept. because it would undermine the safety of the United States and its citizens. The Commerce Dept. cannot appropriately keep guns out of the hands of gun traffickers, terrorists, or human rights abusers, among others.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-quc0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2100

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Hicks

General Comment

I am writing against the proposed rule change to switch the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This change would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

More specifically, the rule change would weaken the control of arms shipments by doing the following:

- 1) eliminating the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them;
- 2) removing licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking; and
- 3) removing the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943e-1jch Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2101

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dianne Wells

General Comment

Transferring export license authority for firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department would enrich gun manufacturers at the expense of our national security. I oppose this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-ijm1 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2102

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kate Kruckemeyer

General Comment

I am absolutely opposed to the proposed rule change to transfer regulation of gun export from the State Department to the Commerce Department.

This is a matter of national and world security before it is a business matter, and it is the State Department, not Commerce, which has the resources to control this highly sensitive matter.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-f7ic Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2103

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Maurine Canarsky

General Comment

I am writing to strongly and vehemently oppose the proposed rule change.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department facilitates firearms exports to oppressive regimes, removes safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuels violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

This rule change eliminates the Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It removes licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It removes the block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Do not make this change. It opens the door to more violence and death worldwide.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-3pz4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2104

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betty Chernansky

General Comment

I oppose the rule that would switch the regulation of fire arms export from the State Department to the department of Commerce. switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-n3e6 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2105

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jesus Bustos

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department

to the U.S. Commerce Department for I think this would open the flood gates to fire arms around the world

There is no good reason to make this change other then to aid an industry that has little regard for the finality

of it's product and will have serious repercussions that would not be understood until it's too late. Again I ask the

department please use all it's resources to oppose this move.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-55w9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2106

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: MARIA BRUSCHI

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-7ut3 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2107

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ann Suellentrop

General Comment

I oppose this rule change to switch from the State Department to the Commerce Department the regulations on US munitions. The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-456g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2108

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deadre Lorber

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943f-8ovn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2109

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martha Spencer

General Comment

I oppose transferring the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Department of Commerce. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. The proposed rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place because: It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. This rule change would make not only the United States, but every country in the world much less safe. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-vwl2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2110

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kenneth Loehlein

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of firearms exports from the U.S. Dept. of State to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. It is better for the safety and security of the United States that firearms exports stay with the U.S. Dept. of State.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-gdrj Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2111

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cassandra McDougall

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-e04d Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2112

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Stephenson

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-fyy4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2113

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Theresa Hadden-Martinez

General Comment

This rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department is a terrible idea and I oppose it.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-nqgz Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2114

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Dour

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-2bw7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2115

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rita Novak

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of regulatory power over automatic weapons from the State Department to the Commerce Department. Such a change will reduce the check on the sale of dangerous weapons to the hands of authoritarian regimes and criminals. The State Department has a better ability to take into account interests of the United States foreign policy and values than the Commerce Department does.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-wbly Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2116

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Steve Uyenishi

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Thank you for listening

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-e8sn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2117

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: jennifer schultz

General Comment

This is one of the worst ideas that the government has ever come up with. Selling semi-automatics to other countries just encourages despots and dictators to use violence to take away rights of those people who are trying to gain freedoms that we have in the united states. This proves how influential the NRA is by using money to influence politicians that are in congress. This is not what the united states is about. The united states is supposed to encourage other countries to set up democracies throughout the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-tbnf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2118

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Rogan

General Comment

I can think of no greater danger to the world and its peace than for the United States to treat the world as simply one gigantic single-person gun market. Somebody apparently thinks that an armed society is a polite society, and has forgotten South Sudan and Ethiopia.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-r1lx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2119

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Rogan

General Comment

I can think of no greater danger to the world and its peace than for the United States to treat the world as simply one gigantic single-person gun market. Somebody apparently thinks that an armed society is a polite society, and has forgotten South Sudan and Ethiopia.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-hyn0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2120

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Peter Dempsey

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2121

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Angela Kelly

General Comment

I am entirely opposed to any rule change that would declassify firearms as military and/or that would result in a change of the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Commerce Department. This proposed change would dramatically endanger our national and international security.

The safeguards that are in place, including the Blue Lantern program, licensing and inspection policies, a block on the 3D printing of firearms, along with congressional and public oversight that exists because the U.S. Department of State oversees the export of firearms cannot be underestimated in our global security.

It is important to keep the regulations of firearms within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of State.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943g-s60n Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2122

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Agnes Franklin

General Comment

It's vitally important that we don't make weapon sales easier for citizens or for other countries to buy. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-ev3g Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2123

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Yousong Mei

General Comment

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-gy20 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2124

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dian Lopez

General Comment

Export licenses for powerful firearms should be handled by the state department not the commerce department. The object is NOT to make more money but to protect our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-psri Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2125

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marlene Kopplin

General Comment

This is a really bad idea changing gun control to the commerce department. Making it easier to sell guns around the world. This smacks of greed for the almighty dollar. Vote NO on this,

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-39pu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2126

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Evan Ingle

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-tolu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2127

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Walp

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms regulation must be fully funded, and the State Department already has many mechanisms in place.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-xa9a Comments Due: July 09, 2018
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Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2128

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Charles TOLL

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

At present, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security, and for the security of numerous nations around the world.

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This would be an extremely wrong-minded and harmful change.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Thank you for taking action to help make our country and our world a safer place. Vote against the proposed new rule!

CharlesToll
Concerned Citizen

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-jjiy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2129

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Camille Gilbert

General Comment

Bad idea!

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-fq83 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2130

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Deborah Spangler

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2131

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Clydell Peairs

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943h-x91u Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2132

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: R C

General Comment

Firearms, Guns, Ammunition, and Related Articles, like the human beings who use them, remain unchanged over the past two centuries, except for their capacity to inflict harm. Control belongs under the USML now more than ever.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943i-cx9r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2133

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allison Meisinger

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943i-p8qa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2134

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kenneth Harrow

General Comment

please retain the ban on export of semi-automatic weapons. i am an expert on africa, and am aware of their use on conflicts such as that of Boko Haram in Nigeria, the fighting in the Central African Republic, and in the conflict in North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Another place is South Sudan. These conflicts have resulted in millions of refugees, of flight across the continent and to Europe, and enormous crises of political, economic, and social orders. Please prevent these weapons, the primary instruments in these conflicts, from being sold abroad. Ken Harrow, Amnesty International Country Specialist for Rwanda and Burundi.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943i-m8kp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2135

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Daniel Zeh

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943i-wg5b Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2136

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Dianna MacLeod

General Comment

I oppose switching the review of arms sales from the State Department to the Department of Commerce.

Congress would lose the ability to block sizable weapons sales, which means that countries with serious human rights violations could import weapons unimpeded.

Additionally, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

America has a gun problem; let's not export that problem to other nations.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943j-p7uc Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2137

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brian Ainsley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943k-mv8u Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2138

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Miriam Burstein

Organization: NA

General Comment

I oppose switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Department of Commerce. I fear that doing so would make it easier for weapons to get into the hands of organized crime and terrorist organizations around the world and would remove congressional oversight from the practice of selling weaponry. Decisions about weapons sales need to take into account issues of human rights violations, as well as problems of uncontrolled violence in countries where peaceful civilian life has broken down. These are matters for the State Department and Congress to investigate and assess, and are not mere business concerns.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2139

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Andrea Maxwell

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2140

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tris Palmgren

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

For these reasons, I am opposed to the proposed rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943m-nkly Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2141

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sheri Wells-Jensen

General Comment

Export of weapons should be controlled by the state department. This is not like selling books, lamps or toasters. We cannot allow gun manufacturers to inject weaponry into any potentially dangerous situation they please simply for money.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943m-ratj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2142

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security and the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2143

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: virginia brinker

General Comment

Keep firearms classified as "military." There is no reason (except for the push of the NRA for sales) to move this category to the Dept. of Commerce. America needs more gun control than it has now. Innocent citizens have been gunned down on our streets; children sleeping in beds with drive-by shootings in their neighborhoods. The world does not need more of the same in their areas. We need to provide safety in our schools and neighborhoods keeping guns with the military classification. We need better firearms training of our police officers to head off needless shootings by them also.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2144

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Markalunas

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The effect will be to arm terrorist throughout the world. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe. switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943n-rm9d Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2145

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kristine Moore

General Comment

Please do not move control of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943n-vn48 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2146

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alexis Ladd

General Comment

Please act to prevent the sale of semi-automatic and similar guns to foreign bodies. The U.S. needs to stop being an exporter of violence and these guns do just that. As the overseeing body, you have the opportunity to block the transfer of the oversight of selling arms to the U.S. Commerce Department. As you know, the Commerce Department applies the lens of business development. This approach will work to boost the sales of guns and not regulate them, ultimately putting U.S. citizens in more danger. Creating an environment where people around the world can gain access to these weapons puts more people at risk, including Americans. We're seeing this across the United States with mass shootings happening every day -- so prevalent that they're not making national news anymore. Making more money at the expense of people's lives and our national security is wrong. Let the State Department continue to do their job of limiting access to these dangerous weapons.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2147

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ryan Houlette

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Moving the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. This will make the world and the United States less safe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2148

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Shel Tscherne

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2149

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Catherine Bilodeau

General Comment

Please stop this from happening. If it is allowed, the whole world will be experiencing the horror that the US is going through with increased murder and suicide from guns. Please don't allow this to go into effect.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943o-qacx Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2150

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I strongly oppose the shifting of international arms sales from state to commerce departments. Please do not let this happen.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943o-eyrm Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2151

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Katie McCorle

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military, and it is in the best interest of our country's security that it stay that way! This is why firearms are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place in the following ways:

- 1) It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2) It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3) It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thank you kindly for leaving the current rule in place!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Walter Sizer

General Comment

I think transferring oversight of foreign arms sales to the Department of Commerce is a bad idea, because it would probably make it easier for people in other countries to get dangerous weapons and lead to a more violent world. I hope supervision of such sales would remain with the Department of State.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2154

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Olga Lampkin

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2155

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Paula Bushkoff

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2156

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Janis M Soma

General Comment

I oppose a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. At this time firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Deadly firearms should not be sold to whoever can pay for them. Our country's priority needs to be human safety, not profitability for firearms manufacturers.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2157

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2158

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: anonymous anonymous

General Comment

Disgusting. Now the criminal NRA wants to see more murders and expand them worldwide. Don't we have enough death at their hands.

the NRA needs to be disbanded and made a terrorist group because that is what it is.

I don't support lay public having guns, they are for the police and military and need to be extremely restricted.

so NO NO NO NO NO gun exports.

stop the insanity now.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943o-ulxu Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2159

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nancy Dollard

General Comment

Please keep the State Department regulating weapons/arms/guns.

The State Department must keep the "Blue Lantern" program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license

and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on these weapons.

It should NOT remove licensing requirements for brokers, which could increase the risk of trafficking.

It should NOT remove the State Departments BLOCK on the 3D printing of firearms.

When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department

successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with

access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. Changing this rule switch OUT of the State Department's

hands would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe which would

be a VERY frightening prospect.

You must make it HARDER to sell/produce weapons/arms/guns, because America and other countries need LESS

weapons/arms/guns, NOT more! Keep the State Department IN CHARGE OF these DANGEROUS weapons/arms/guns,

and do NOT let the Commerce Department regulate weapons/arms/guns, something it does NOT have the staff/knowledge/

training or manpower to enforce! Let the State Department do its job and HIGHLY regulate ALL weapons/arms/guns NOW!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2160

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Christine Zelehoski

General Comment

I want to urge the State Department to maintain control of U.S. munitions. The State Department has the manpower, checks and balances that make sure the U.S does not supply arms to countries where human rights issues are not respected.

It is essential that our country do all we can to promote safety and security here and around the world. There is potential for

The Commerce Dept. in promoting business to increase arms sales to unruly nations and proliferation of guns is not an avenue to peace.

PLEASE keep control of U.S. munitions in The State Department.
Keep up the good work!

Christine and Ray Zelehoski

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2161

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cornelia Hoskin

General Comment

The NRA and gun manufacturers want guns everywhere, for everyone, not just here in the United States, but around the world. They are pushing hard for a rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the U.S. Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business).[1] This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2162

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ellen Asbell

General Comment

It is very important that the State Department continue to handle export licenses for semi automatic assault weapons and other weapons of war to protect our national security. It must not be made easier for criminals and terrorists to obtain American guns and ammo.

Allowing the Department of Commerce to handle these licenses is a dangerous idea driven by the NRA's desire to increase their profits. The NRA cares nothing for the safety or security of our country. We must.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2163

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jack epling

General Comment

This is a bad idea. What are they thinking!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2164

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Anonymous

General Comment

I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The Commerce Department prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security which would make this change far more dangerous for Americans.

We know the US gun industry is faring poorly in today's domestic market, which is why the NRA and the National Shooting Sports Foundation has been lobbying hard to remove congressional oversight of commercial weapon sales of \$1 million or more. No one else asked for it or wanted it.

The NSSF, a gun industry trade group, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobby's influence in the rule's description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as "civilian" products. These weapons were not designed for household use, the were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters.

If you go forwar with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my power-peacefully and democratically- to hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and drain the swamp.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2165

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Heather Williams

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943o-vex9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2166

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Margaret Dragonette

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearm exports from the US State Department to the US Commerce Department. The State Department enforces rigorous restrictions on gun sales overseas because their main purpose is to safeguard our nation. I believe that changing this responsibility to the Commerce Department, whose main purpose is to promote business, would greatly increase the risk of selling guns to terrorists and put American citizens at great risk.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2167

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alma Rutgers

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2168

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Donna W.

General Comment

I oppose changing fire arms regulations from the State Department, which protects our country, to the Commerce Department, which promotes American businesses. We need security!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2169

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Martina Leinz

General Comment

I strongly oppose a rule change switching the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Department of Commerce. This would adversely affect our national security and destabilize countries around the globe. It would enrich the U.S. gun manufacturing industry at the expense of public safety. There is good reason to leave the regulation of firearms exports at State and maintaining the classification of firearms exports as "military." Congress should be able to block sales of firearms to foreign countries; particularly those with serious human rights violations. With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed of sizable sales that it could stop in the name of national security.

Martina Leinz
Burke, Virginia

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: S Kendall

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2171

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2172

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Pamela Jiranek

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2173

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Julie Fischer

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change to switch regulation of firearms exports from the US State Dept to US Commerce Dept. Such a change would facilitate arms exports to oppressive regimes, open the doors to organized crime and terrorist organizations, and further fuel the violence that is causing mass migrations. It will enable 3-D printing of lethal weapons with impunity. We need more controls on firearms not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2174

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: joanie b

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

Firearms exports are classified as military" and they are under the regulation of the State Department, and it's why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[1] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[2]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[3]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

- * It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[4]

- * It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[5]

- * It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the

globe.[6]

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

[1] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.

[2] Ibid., The Boston Globe

[3] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[4] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

[5] Ibid., Violence Policy Center.

[6] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2175

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Yolanda Mitts

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export from the U. S. State Department to the U. S.

Commerce Dept. Firearms exports are classified as "military" and should remain so. This change would endanger all the citizens of the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2176

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Eliot Faris

General Comment

I oppose additional expansion of anything leading to sale of guns in this country. They are readily available but the NRA wants to promote a variety of tactics designed to make them even more available. Legitimate purposes such as REGULATED hunting have a long history. However, the expansion of gun availability and variety is unconscionable. Additional REGULATION is highly preferable to additional deregulation. Armor piercing bullets, loopholes for background checks, selling of guns with no legitimate, hunting (Other than hunting for humans) purposes are reasonable restrictions. When the NRA proposes something, it is certain to be focused on additional accessibility to guns in private and public places. Please do not support this change.

Eliot Faris

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2177

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jay McCahill

General Comment

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed transfer of authority for regulating firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. The sale of weapons has national security and human rights implications that Commerce CANNOT manage, and Congress MUST be informed of and have the ability to block such sales, as they do in the current structure.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2178

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary DeHoyos

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2179

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Submitter Information

Name: Joshua Greenberg

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2180

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: SALLY GIBBS

General Comment

I oppose the transfer of authority for Arms Sales from US State Dept. to the US commerce Dept. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2181

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: George Sollo

General Comment

As a citizen who has worked in the area of firearms safety for 25 years, I oppose moving the responsibility for these weapons from the State Department to Commerce. This issue should not be about "commerce" but about the moral appropriateness of the use of the weapons of war by civilians. The State Department is in the best position to make that decision.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2182

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Judith Scott

General Comment

Please do not change the regulatory restrictions on how firearms may be exported from the United States. During these days of too many mass shootings and times when angry people too often turn to guns first, thoughts next, we cannot add to this ease. When many in our government are working to tighten our borders concerning who or what is coming in, why would we loosen our borders concerning what is going out? Please do not allow big business to over rule our moral obligations and to change our regulatory systems.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2183

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sara Skinner

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

I volunteer regularly working with refugees. I am aware of how many countries have human rights violations. I am concerned that if we send these firearms to other countries, they may be used against innocent civilians. These are military-style weapons, and their sale should be regulated by the State Department.

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2184

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: William Skirbunt-Kozabo

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe

I strongly urge you not to implement this new rule.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943q-oly5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2185

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Brian Jones

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943q-iokf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2186

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marcia Ogilvie

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943q-mlip Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2187

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marcia Reau

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When defense distributed founder, Cody Wilson, posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943q-rt6y Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2188

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alycia Mosley

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

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International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2189

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Rhonda Garner

General Comment

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed rule to transfer oversight of small arms (firearms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. This rule would make U.S. exports of small arms far more dangerous by transferring controls to an agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security. The rules elimination of congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or more is also reckless. This rule has one purpose only: to garner profits for a U.S. gun industry that is faring poorly in the domestic market. It comes after years of lobbying by the NRA and National Shooting Sports Foundation. No one elsed asked for it or wanted it. The NSSF, the trade group for the gun industry, has already boasted the rule would lead to a 20% increase in American gun exports. We see the gun lobbys influence in the rules description of semiautomatic assault rifles like the AR-15 as civilian products. These weapons were not designed for household use, they were designed to kill en masse on the battlefield. That is why they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. If you go forward with this disastrous policy, I will do everything in my powerpeacefully and democraticallyto hold your leadership accountable for the resulting global bloodshed. That will include advocating against your budget priorities across-the-board until a new, non-corrupt administration can come in and clean house.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2190

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Graham

General Comment

switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Please keep regulations how they are

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2191

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary McCullough

General Comment

Opposed to proposed rule:

I'm extremely concerned about the rollback of these regulations. In particular the ease it would ability to use a 3D printer to create firearms. Although, criminals can do it now, it would remove prohibitions and provide easy access making traveling unsafe as they are not visible going through TSA.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2192

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Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Let's not make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export more firearms into a dangerous world filled with terrorists anxious to use them against us.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2193

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Karyn Walden-Forrest

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2194

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marcella Amspaugh

General Comment

It is vitally important to keep the sales of semi-automatic rifles and other powerful weapons under the jurisdiction of the State Department. We should not get into the business of supplying weapons of war to foreign entities.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2195

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Aisha Noble

General Comment

I am a parent and active member in the early childhood education community in Chicago. I am opposed to amending the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to revise Categories I (firearms, close assault weapons and combat shotguns), II (guns and armament) and III (ammunition and ordnance) of the U.S. Munitions List (USML) to describe more precisely the articles warranting export and temporary import control on the USML. Items removed from the USML would become subject to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

The firearms industry is hurting financially - revising these rules to benefit the fire arms industry's bottom line is NOT in the best interest of Americans or any global citizens.

We do not need more guns in the hands of those that wish to cause us harm. These high powered weapons belong in the hands of our military and not civilians.

Also, the amendments proposed would limit Congressional oversight on important gun export deals and drastically increases the possibility for gun trafficking. This is unacceptable.

I respectfully ask that the Department of State does not amend the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Regards,

Aisha Noble

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943q-690j Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2196

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Morgan Paulus

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

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As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943q-13cw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Marcy Shinbaum

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

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Submitter Information

Name: Vanessa Anonymous

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2199

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am totally against this proposed rule change, The State Dept and Congress should continue oversight. Commerce and business have different goals than protection of human rights, safety etc and should not be given this responsibility.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2200

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Max Salt

General Comment

The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2201

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Bruce Krawisz

General Comment

I oppose the proposed rule change that would take firearm sales away from the state department and move it to the commerce department. We should not encourage the exportation of firearms. Most countries have fewer firearms deaths than the United States. We should not encourage firearms deaths in foreign countries.

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Elizabeth Enright

General Comment

The proposed rule would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would also remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking and would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon.

The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

I oppose the proposed rule for the reasons above and many more to numerous to mention.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2203

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Betty Lawrence

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The State Dept. is the right place to control these exports. The Commerce Dept. is focused on sales, not safety.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2204

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alana DeJoseph

General Comment

I strongly oppose the rule change which would move the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Congress no longer being automatically informed about sizable weapons sales so that it could monitor or stop them in the name of national security, (especially in the case of sales to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey), is unconscionable, short-sighted, and greedy, at the expense of the security for future generations.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2205

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Suda

General Comment

I oppose this Proposed Rule, and any rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. The handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms must remain with the U.S. State Department, which is charged with safeguarding our nation, not the U.S. Commerce Department, which promotes American business. The transfer of authority as proposed would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security. Because firearms are weapons for killing, firearms exports are rightly classified as military, and fall under the regulation of the State Department, where Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. Under this proposed rule change, Congress would no longer automatically be informed about sizable weapons sales that could be prevented in the name of national security. In addition, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls, nor does its Bureau of Industry and Security have staff everywhere. Firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would find it easier to obtain large caches of American guns and ammunition. Do not jeopardize our national security with this change.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2206

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Fran Ransom

General Comment

I strongly oppose the change in regulating of firearm exports from the U.S.State Dept to the U.S. Commerce Dept I believe the Commerce Dept is not sufficiently able to regulate the flow This feels like a sly way for the Nra to enable more firearms that are intended for Military use onto the streets

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2207

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Hoa Pantastico

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2208

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Howard Mielke

General Comment

For the following reasons I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department:

*It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

*It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

*It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2209

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Roberta Sol

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Nicole Roman, RN

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-idtp Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2211

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kelsey Sarles

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms should be subject to more controls, not less! The safety of the public should always come before the NRA's profit interests.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2212

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jacqueline Eliopoulos

General Comment

This rule change is completely unacceptable. It will only serve to make the world a more dangerous place and help to destroy whatever civility there is on this increasingly violent and militarized planet. It puts our nation in greater danger as well as all others. Please reject this plan.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2213

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: James Keenan

General Comment

Do not change this rule governing weapons sales from the State Department. Weapons sales need to be decreased not facilitated.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2214

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Sharon Avis

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2215

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Ana Santoyo

General Comment

Do not change the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department to facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

If anything we need to reduce the number of guns and other weapons available in the US and the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-kze0 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2216

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jack Polonka

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.[6]

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2217

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lisa Schoultz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This transfer of authority would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally, with serious implications for our national security.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2218

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mary Hansen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. It is just a way for the gun industry to sell more guns around the world which will make them LESS safe!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-1je5 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kirk Rhoads

General Comment

Semi automatic firearms should remain on the US Munitions list.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-4i9r Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2220

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Randall Wayne

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Firearms exports are currently classified as military. They are under the regulation of the State Department, allowing Congress to block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Moreover, the Commerce Department does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-jxhh Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2221

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lauren Hayman

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. This rule change will make the U.S. and the World a MUCH more dangerous place.

As a new mother, I do not want my child growing up in fear. I currently have faith in the State Departments Blue Lantern program that carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. This new rule will remove those licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It is also frightening that it will remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Please DO NOT change this rule. The current rules keep us safe in this already very dangerous world of guns and firearms.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-gjkg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2222

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Cooper

General Comment

I urge the Commerce and State Departments to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns, with less oversight and accountability. With gun violence killing 1,000 people around the world every day, we should be making it harder, not easier, to export U.S. made weapons of war.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Angelika Ghosh

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2224

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Cecile Heatley

General Comment

I strongly protest against switching the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

The Commerce Department does not have the resources to effectively enforce export controls. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face fewer hurdles to getting large quantities of American guns and ammunition.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Changing oversight and regulation of firearms would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D-printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D-print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

This is a dangerous, ill-considered, profit-driven move that produces revenues for the NRA and increases the likelihood of injuries and deaths.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2225

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jack Ray

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Here is how the rule change would make the world and the USA a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-khel Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Susan Kemp

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Allison Canning

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. I believe it would make the US & other countries less safe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943r-ucxw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2228

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Beverly Schmidt

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2229

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Frank Moore

General Comment

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

Please vote in favor of making our country and our world a safer place.

Thank you.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2230

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Horwitz

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2231

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: cathy rupp

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulation of firearms export to the US State Department to the US Commerce Dept.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-qole Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2232

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Laura Richbart

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2233

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: cathy rupp

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export to the US State Department to the US Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2234

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lesley Peters

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-6yrk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2235

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stanley Swiercz

General Comment

Too many enemies of the United States already have powerful weapons to use against our soldiers and citizens. Exports are not just a commercial concern, they are a security and diplomatic concern. Please keep export decisions under the control of the State Department with it's multidimensional perspective.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-nxcw Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2236

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Shaw

General Comment

See attached file(s)

Attachments

I oppose the rule change

I oppose the rule change that would move the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms from the U.S. State Department which is focused on safeguarding our nation to the U.S. Commerce Department which is focused on promoting American business. With this rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Detailed concerns are that the rule change would eliminate the State Department's Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them; would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking; and would remove the State Department's block on the 3D printing of firearms. Promoting American business at the risk of further destabilizing the world is a bad deal.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-wtko Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2237

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Stephanie Angelo

General Comment

The only sensible thing is to ban bump stocks and military style weapons from the general public! Please. It won't solve everything thing but it WILL solve a lot.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2238

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Joann Wieland

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-jsrj Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Document: DOS-2017-0046-2239

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Erin Orozco

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military, putting them under the regulation of the State Department and allowing Congress to block large sales of firearms to foreign countries. Under the Department of State's (DOS's) proposed rule change, the handling of export licenses of semiautomatic assault weapons and other powerful firearms would shift from the DOS (focused on safeguarding our nation) to the Commerce Department (focused on promoting American business). This means Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey, which would open new floodgates for arms sales internationally with serious implications for our national security.

The Commerce Department simply does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. The Bureau of Industry and Security does not have appropriate staffing levels to monitor and regulate firearms exports on the level that they deserve, given their import to our national security. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from DOS to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration. Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be subject to more controls, not less.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-cmsa Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2240

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lauri Elliot

General Comment

I oppose this rule change which would switch the regulating of the exporting of firearms from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

In short, such a rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place and this should be avoided at all costs!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-gnyn Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2241

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: ANITA LENDWAY

General Comment

I OPPOSE the rule change that would switch regulation of firearm exports from the U.S. State Department to the US. Commerce Department. The Commerce Department doesn't have the resources to enforce export controls. Congress needs to be informed about large firearm sales to foreign countries. We must protect national security.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-5dms Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2242

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Amy Allen

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-3o8l Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2243

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kris Travis

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-vbuq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2244

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Gun safety everywhere.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-qxyo Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2245

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Edith Frank

General Comment

I strongly oppose the the proposed rule. By reducing shipping regulations, it will increase the supply of firearms and provide easier access to them, magnifying the already severe problems associated with gun use such as mass shootings, suicides, domestic violence homicides and accidental homicides.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-a3ta Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2246

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Kevin Quail

General Comment

Trump is an ignorant racist asshole.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-17tb Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2247

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: sue sullivan

General Comment

Do not let the NRA continue to operate without stricter regulations-they and the gun makers are killing thousands yearly.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-3gl9 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2248

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Heather Beery

General Comment

I oppose the regulation of firearms by the U.S. Commerce Department for these reasons:

- 1) It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- 2) It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- 3) It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-dltk Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2249

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Mollie Schierman

General Comment

I oppose the rule that would switch the regulation of firearms exports from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Currently firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

I believe that the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[]

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-wpgy Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2250

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tama Smith

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-vlxs Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2251

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: John Orozco

General Comment

I oppose the rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department. Our safety should never be for sale. Our State Department has information not accessible to the Commerce Department that make them the appropriate agency for this role. The Commerce Department cannot be expected to weigh the proper considerations when making these decisions. We shall be watching these proceedings closely. Please do not move these responsibilities.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-ch7f Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2252

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Thomas and Patricia Frey

General Comment

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition. The rule change to switch control of firearms from the State Department to the Commerce Department would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the world. The rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

Moving control of firearms to the Commerce Department would make legitimate efforts by the government and law enforcement agencies of every country vastly more difficult and dangerous... and that includes America.

We strongly oppose this rule change.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-z1op Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2253

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Tony Greiner

General Comment

It is unconscionable and immoral to consider moving international arms sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department. America has one of the best reputations, internationally, for being a good global citizen, defending human rights and peace in the world. Moving regulation of international arms sales from the State Department to the Commerce Department is based only on the immoral considerations of greed and promoting violence. Please reject any changes to International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries.[2] With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.[3]

The Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.[4]

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

1. It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.[5]
2. It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking [6]
3. It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense

Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.[7]

[1] Trump move would make it easier for U.S. gun manufacturers to export firearms, The Washington Times, May 14, 2018.

[2] Trump wants to make foreign arms sales easier, The Boston Globe, June 23, 2018.

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[4] American Guns Drive the Migrant Crisis That Trump Wants to Fix With a Wall, The Trace, May 25, 2017.

[5] The Trump administration proposes making gun exports easier. Heres how to submit your public comment on this dangerous proposal, Violence Policy Center.

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[7] "U.S. requires group to remove 3-D gun instructions from its website," CNN.com, May 13, 2013.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-4rbt Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2254

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lara Alexander

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-sxdq Comments Due: July 09, 2018

Docket: DOS-2017-0046

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2255

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Herschell Emery

General Comment

I oppose strongly this rule change, which would (I believe most intentionally!) weaken US regulation of firearm exports. Weapons of war are far from just an issue to be monitored weakly by a Commerce Department uninformed of what international impacts arms sale overseas will have. Is the world no longer dangerous...just a fertile sales ground for the arms industry? Do we want the NRA setting policy for where we ship arms? Do we want a department without strong arms enforcement capabilities to be the only agency watching for arms traffickers? Leave arms classified as such--"military"--so that the State Department and Congress will retain oversight!!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-s0jg Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2256

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Michael Gary

General Comment

Keep the rules intact!

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943s-pip2 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2257

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Valerie Wald

General Comment

This rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place.

With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department just does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

More specifically, this rule change would:

- Eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.
- Remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.
- Remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2258

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Alex Fierro-Clarke

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-7kf4 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2259

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Barbara Rosenkotter

General Comment

Switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Firearms are dangerous. They are used to kill people every day around the world in acts of organized crime, political violence, terrorism, and human rights violations. They should be better controlled.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-ik9j Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2260

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Fred Fall

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would take control of traffic in firearms away from the State Department and give it to another department of the government. The State Department has done an excellent job in this regard and should be allowed to continue to do so.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-3wu7 Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2261

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: michael daveiga

General Comment

The world and it's people desperately need adequate nutrition , clean drinking water , housing and other forms of shelter , hospitals and local clinics , schools , transportation networks , and all that supports a decent quality of life . What the world's people do not need are more arms !

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-b2kv Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2262

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Carolyn Roney

General Comment

I strongly oppose the proposed rule to move regulation and oversight of firearms (small arms) exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department. An agency that prioritizes doing business over safeguarding national security has no business controlling the sale of small arms. In addition, it's truly crazy to eliminate congressional oversight of commercial weapons sales of \$1 million or less. The obvious intent here is to increase sales for the faltering U.S. gun industry, at the expense of our national security. This is completely unacceptable. If this dangerous policy is implemented, U.S. national security is in jeopardy, as well as the safety of people around the world. Please think through the long-term implications of this change, none of which are good.

Thank you for your time and attention.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-xgjf Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2263

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: David Schneider

General Comment

I am opposed to the proposed ammendments noted as the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III. Terrorism and other violence doesn't need the release of additional and very violent weaponry spread across the world. Relaxing these regulations is tanamount to fueling a wildfire; the increase in profits to U.S. businesses, in my opinion, pales to the harm we can add to throughout the world.

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-hhgd Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2264

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Lucy Krasnor

General Comment

I strongly urge the Commerce Dept and the State Dept to oppose relaxing rules that would make it easier for U.S. firearm manufacturers to export assault rifles and other guns with less oversight and accountability. Guns are made to kill people in war and only should be used in war. we should be making it harder and not easier to export weapons of war.
thank you

PUBLIC SUBMISSION

As of: November 29, 2018 Tracking No. 1k2-943t-6e8w Comments Due: July 09, 2018

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Comment On: DOS-2017-0046-0001

International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Categories I, II, and III

Document: DOS-2017-0046-2265

Comment on DOS-2017-0046-0001

Submitter Information

Name: Jacob Steijn

General Comment

I oppose this rule change that would switch the regulations of firearms export from the U.S. State Department to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Right now, firearms exports are classified as military. This is why they are under the regulation of the State Department, and why Congress can block sales of large batches of firearms to foreign countries. With the rule change, Congress would no longer be automatically informed about sizable weapons sales that it could stop in the name of national security, even to countries where there are serious human rights concerns, such as the Philippines and Turkey.

Commerce does not have the resources to adequately enforce export controls. Its Bureau of Industry and Security does not have staff everywhere. This means that firearms traffickers, organized crime, terrorist organizations, and other violent and dangerous agents would face far fewer hurdles to obtaining large caches of American guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that switching the regulation of firearms exports from the State Department to the Commerce Department would facilitate firearms exports to oppressive regimes, remove safeguards that help keep extra-legal agents like organized crime and terrorist organizations from obtaining weapons, and further fuel violence that destabilizes countries and causes mass migration.

Here are more details on how the rule change would make the world a far more dangerous place:

It would eliminate the State Departments Blue Lantern program, in place since 1940, which carries out hundreds of pre-license and post-shipment inspections and publicly reports on them.

It would remove licensing requirements for brokers, increasing the risk of trafficking.

It would remove the State Departments block on the 3D printing of firearms. When Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson posted online instructions for how to 3D print weapons, the State Department successfully charged him with violating arms export laws, since his open-source posting made it possible for anyone with access to a 3D printer, anywhere, to produce a lethal weapon. The rule switch would remove this block, effectively enabling 3D printing of firearms in the U.S. and around the globe.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this comment

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Happy new year, and thanks for putting up with us!

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